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INTRODUCTION

This book contains a collection of stories by persons who shared their memories of and personal acquaintance with Charles "Roebuck" Feik. He was a bachelor whose farm lay between my Grandfather Giacomo's two farms near Pinckneyville, Illinois. When I was a little boy my family lived on one of Grandfather's farms. Roebuck was our neighbor. I knew him well. How he got his nickname comes later.

"Roebuck" was an unusual individual whose approach to life and its challenges was far from ordinary. His unconventional solutions established him as a "character" in the memories of his friends and neighbors. He was accepted for what he was -- a good decent person who was never mean to anyone. There will never be another Roebuck. He was the only one ever to exist.

It must be clearly understood the recorded memories are not intended to be derogatory. Neither are they a judgmental reflection on the way Roebuck lived his life. In fact, they are intended as a tribute to a unique person whose memories can still bring a chuckle and a smile.

Lance Feik and John Wesslin, great nephews of Roebuck, shared memories of their relative. Hershel Jenkel and I visited John and Lance at Lance's home near Pinckneyville. I wanted to be certain they understood my motive in publishing this account. Both were agreeable, even adding their own memories.

The farm pictures included in this book are about farming as it was in the early 1900's. Most were taken from an I H (International Harvester) Catalogue which I found 50 years ago in Julius Ogolini's place of business in Dowell, Illinois. Mr. Ogolini was my father-in-law. Other pictures are from an 1897 Sears Roebuck catalogue.

I am 85 years old and have been a farmer all my life. I remember the one horse plow and the riding cultivator. I have been privileged to observe and use the advancements in farm implements since my youth. The pictures represent a by-gone era, a chapter in the history of farming. Like Roebuck, they are now memories.

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Dr. Al. Doughty	Earl Giacomo	Florence Kelly Lambert
Celeste Epplin	John Giacomo	Fred Leuker
Lance Feik	Wayne Giacomo	Jacob "Jakie" Lunneman
Mel "Dutch" Ferrero	Herschel Jenkel	Irene Marlow
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Pete's Stories of Roebuck Assembled and Written by Pete

Charles Feik, an old bachelor who lived about 5 miles northwest of Pinckneyville, Illinois, was nicknamed "Roebuck" for the following reason. One fall in 1910 or 1911 he was looking through a Sears and Roebuck catalog. It being the fall and winter catalog, as he thumbed through the catalog he came upon the winter coat section. As each coat was shown on a model, he assumed the woman came with the coat. He then ordered one and was shocked when only the coat came and no woman. As the word got out about his folly, it was natural to nickname him "Roebuck".

One year he raised some 150 to 200 hogs for market. He hired my 3 uncles, George, Bill and Pete Giacomo, to help herd the hogs to the loading yard of the Illinois Central Railroad in Pinckneyville, Illinois.

When the hogs were loaded in livestock cars, he rode in one of the cars with the hogs to the National Stockyards in East St. Louis. After dickering with the stock buyers he failed to receive \$.25 per 100 lbs on what he was asking for the hogs. So he loaded the hogs back into the stock cars and had them shipped back to Pinckneyville. After paying for the freight, he hired the 3 Giacomo brothers to herd them back to the farm. That winter 50% of the hogs died.

After bringing the hogs back to the farm, he would sell one occasionally to a neighbor or a buyer. This same Fall 1921, my Uncle Palmer Kelly, who lived in Winkle and was a mule driver in the mine, came to our house and asked if we would go to Roebuck's as he wanted to buy 2 hogs to butcher. We got in the buggy and drove to Roebuck's only 1/4 mile from where I lived. When we arrived, we could see a dim light in the house. When we yelled "Is anybody home?" He came to the door and invited us in. On entering we could see he only lived in this one room. There was a table, 3 chairs, a stove and a bed, without the bottom bedstead. It was at about a 30-degree angle. On it was a feather mattress that was sown so that he crawled through it to get into it. No pillow. On the head bedstead sat a rooster and 5 hens. You can imagine the chicken droppings that occurred during the night.

On the table was a lump of butter about the size and shape of an Italian loaf of bread. He would take a knife and cut a slice of butter like a slice of bread and eat pure butter. He kept slicing and eating butter until he had eaten half of the lump of butter. What he ate that night would have nauseated, if not killed, an ordinary person.

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After Roebuck's house was gone, he built a pole structure and had his wheat threshed and blew the straw on this structure, then made a straw stack with a shelter in it. He lived in this with his livestock a few years. After the straw stack was gone, he went to a south sloping hill and dug an open-faced cave in it. The cave was about 6 feet deep in the hill and about 8 to 10 feet in length. He made a wood bench, large enough to make a bed on it. For heat he had a steel barrel at his feet where he made a fire in the barrel and burned old fence posts and tree limbs in it. This was the last few years of his life. One winter it got so cold his feet froze causing his death (at we guess to be about 84 years old).

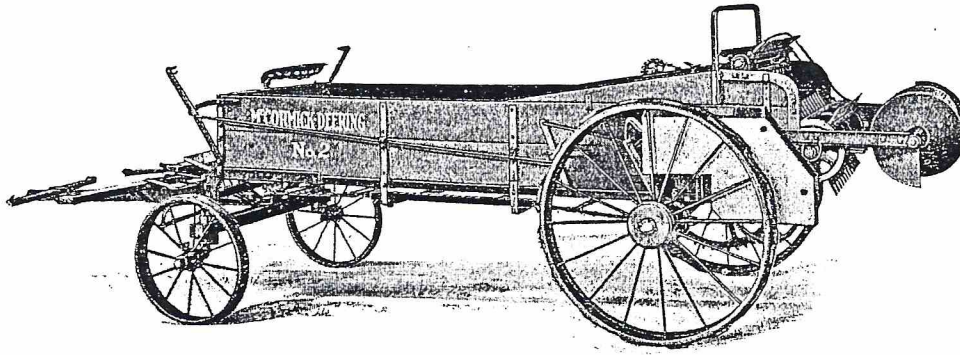
One summer in July after I had moved to Mulkeytown, when school was out I would go to Grandpa Giacomo's house for the summer vacation.

My cousins, Howard Kelly, Josie Giacomo, Johnnie Giacomo, and myself spent a lot of time together. We would hunt, fish and eat roasting ear corn at night. We would make a tripod near a creek where we could get water and near a field where "roasting ears" were handy and eat until the late hours at night. We also lay down and drank from the pools of water in the creek.

This particular day we were squirrel hunting on "Roebuck's". As we came to his house, we hallowed the house and nobody was home. We then decided to go in and look around. Roebuck had killed a Barred Rock hen and cut off a leg and thigh which he cooked for breakfast. He then took a piece of binder twine, tied it to the remaining leg and hung the hen on a nail on the kitchen wall. There were a hundred flies swarming over the cut he had made in removing the leg. This was to be his supper.

One day Roebuck started plowing in a bottom on a 40-acre tract next to Grandpa Giacomo's farm. He started plowing way before sunrise while it was still cool. After a few rounds, he thought he would take a quick nap and plow until noon. When he feel asleep he slept all day and awoke as the sun was nearing sundown, he thought the sun was coming up in the west. He hastily unharnessed his horses, turned them loose in the pasture and started to Pinckneyville to let the people know the sun was coming up in West. He was 1/3 way to town before he realized he had slept all day.

McCormick-Deering Manure Spreader



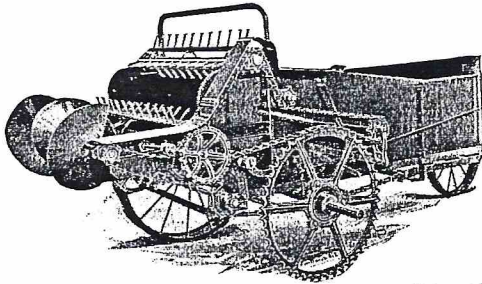
Illust. 3—McCormick-Deering Manure Spreader No. 2.

Front Wheels

The front wheels track with the rear wheels like on a wagon. They are placed under the front of box which shortens the overall length of the spreader and brings the team close to the load.

The Seat

The seat is hinged and can be folded over in front of the box when loading the manure.



Illust. 4—Spreading mechanism with the beater chain in mesh on the large sprocket.

Two All-Steel Beaters

McCormick-Deering spreaders being light in weight and draft may be loaded high because teams can easily take care of big loads. Thus, the upper beater is quite essential in taking care of the loads which may reach as high as the top of the arch at the rear of the box (34"). Note in Illust. 4 that the upper beater is placed forward of the lower beater, not directly above it. This is common sense construction, as it is easier to handle one part of the load at a time than to dig into the whole load at once. The beaters being constructed of steel, there is nothing to warp, rot, shrink, twist or bend.

Size and Speed of Beaters

The upper beater is smaller than the lower beater having only three tooth bars with a diameter of 12 inches between tips of teeth; whereas the lower beater has six tooth bars and a diameter of 18 inches between tips of teeth.

Beater Drive

This is a full chain drive, and a single continuous chain drives both the upper and lower beaters.

The driving sprocket on the main axle is very large. It is so made in order to allow the sprockets on the beaters to be proportionately large, giving less sharp angle to the chain links with a consequent less wear and friction on the chain.

The arm which raises and lowers chain meshing and unmeshing it with nine teeth on the main sprocket is mounted on the rear axle itself astride of the main sprocket, thus the chain is always positively in alignment with the sprocket. Compare this method with that of mounting the arm on the wooden sides as on some other spreaders where warping of the side boards, loose bolts, etc. soon get the chain out of alignment. On the McCormick-Deering the chain always meshes and its long life is assured.

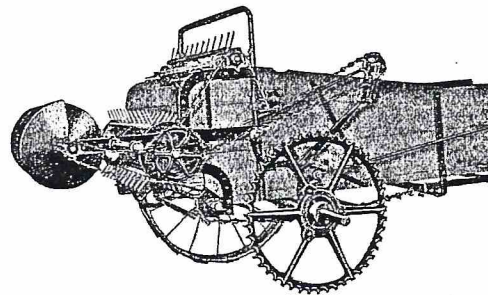
Wide Spread Spiral

This is built in the form of a right and left hand spiral which receives the manure after the beaters have thrown it out and not only gives the manure a second pulverizing but deflects it evenly to the ground in a strip 6 ft. wide or more, so that the operator in spreading the next load does not drive over the manure already spread on the ground.

Narrow Tread

The No. 1 spreader will pass through a gate or door 5 ft. 9 in. wide and the No. 2 spreader, through a gate or door 6 ft. 3 in. wide.

This narrow tread allows driving through the average barn doors to load from the stable direct, thus saving one handling of the manure.



Illust. 5—The beater chain out of mesh and held from sagging down on the large sprocket by a new and improved chain supporting arm.

One year when we lived on Grandpa's farm Roebuck hired uncles, George and Bill Giacomo to cut logs for him that winter. They were choice red oak logs that would bring a premium today as veneer grade. I squirrel hunted in these woods as a 12-year-old. The Fox squirrels were very numerous and loved to eat and cut the acorns off the trees. 10 to 12 squirrels were a normal morning hunt. We never bothered to worry about the limit, which was 10 at the time. After paying uncles to cut the logs, he let them lie there until they all rotted.

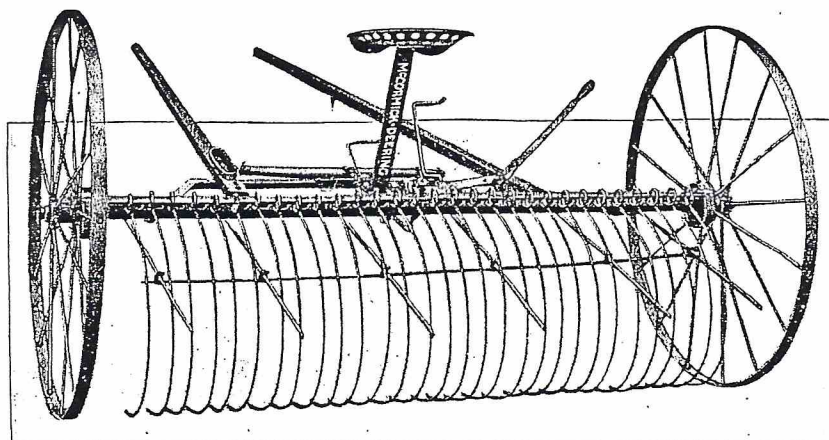
Charles Casseta's farm joined Roebuck's farm on the west side. Casseta had a farm building burn down. He gave the old rusty burned tin to Roebuck for hauling it away. My cousin, Wayne Giacomo told me he had helped Roebuck haul it away. This was the old tin that was put on the roof of his cave house before the dirt was put on.

In the late 20's and early 30's cowpeas were the main crop planted for cow feed. A few grew red clover but the main hay crop was cowpeas. The peas, after maturity, were cut and let lay on the ground for a day or two depending on how thick and green they were. After drying they were raked in windrows with a dump rake. This equipment had two large wheels and a row of large springs (teeth) that were shaped about like 1/4 of a circle. As you moved the rake forward it would collect the hay, until the teeth were full, then you pressed a pedal that would lock in with the dogs in the steel hubs and it would raise the teeth to dump the hay with the matching windrow. Then the teeth would automatically drop down and start gathering hay until the next dump. The peas were usually threshed in the fall with a pea huller driven by a belt from a steam engine and later tractors. If you fed pea hay to a horse it would give him the heaves which affected his breathing. Later in the winter the buyers would go from farm to farm to buy the threshed peas for seed. The buyers that I remember were Al Frazier and John Herrmony of Pinckneyville and Albert Dame of Sesser.

Now to get to the Roebuck story. After the era of cowpeas we turned to Korean Lespedeza and Alfalfa for Legume hay and Sudan and Orchard Brome grass.

Cowpea seed then became scarce. One winter after 1933, Roebuck and Mike Ruffino came to our house in January. They were going to Galatia to buy Whippoorwill cowpea seed. They were driven by Mike Ruffino's son, Angel, in Mike's car. They stopped at our house to ask how to get to Galatia. When they came home, Roebuck reached in his pocket and brought out 5 frozen eggs he had picked up in the straw stack as he left home. Not wanting to waste them he gave them to my mother.

McCormick-Deering Self-Dump Rakes



Illust. 1—McCormick-Deering self-dump Rake.

Made in Five Sizes

McCormick-Deering self dump rakes are made in five sizes, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 feet. The 11-foot size is known as the corn stalk rake and differs from the other rakes in that it is equipped only with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch teeth with round points and without coil. It is also supplied with a lifting spring to aid in lifting the rake. The regular and special tooth equipment for the other sizes is indicated in the table of specifications below. In ordering, indicate the size and if regular or special tooth equipment is wanted.

Steel Construction Throughout

The McCormick-Deering rake is made of steel throughout. It is built so strongly that it will stand up successfully under the roughest usage and the hardest work to which it may be subjected. The

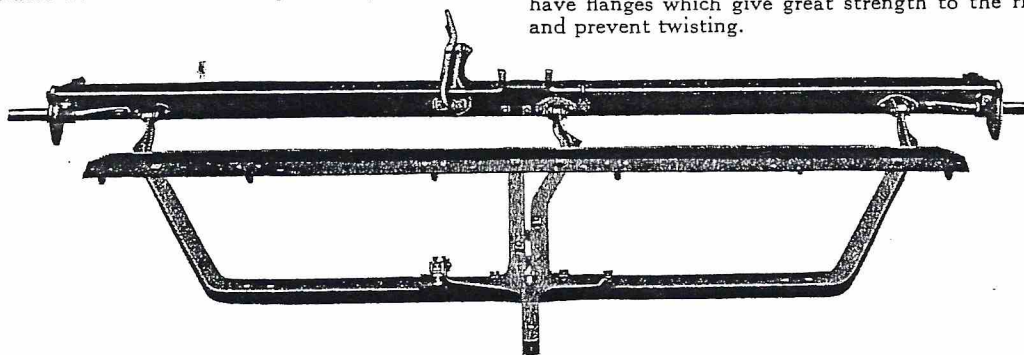
best angle steel is used in construction of the frame and the different parts are put together in a substantial manner.

A Simple, Sturdy Rake

The rake can be dumped by hand, if desired, or automatically by pressing a foot lever. The teeth are held in place by special clamping devices holding three or four teeth, but a single tooth can be removed by loosening a clamp. The thills are so arranged that they can be brought together at the center and used as a tongue for hitching two horses.

Durable Steel Wheels

The hub, spokes and rims of the wheels are made of steel to give the wheel practically a one-piece construction. Bushings in the hubs are removable and can be replaced easily when worn. The wheels have flanges which give great strength to the rim and prevent twisting.



Illust. 2—Frame is built of angle steel and has ample strength.

SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING SELF-DUMP RAKES

WIDTH	No. HORSES	No. OF TEETH			
		REG.	WEIGHT	SPEC.	WEIGHT
8-ft.	1 or 2 horses	20	380 lbs.	25	390 lbs.
9-ft.	1 or 2 horses	24	415 lbs.	30	425 lbs.
10-ft.	1 or 2 horses	26	435 lbs.	32	450 lbs.
*11-ft.	1 or 2 horses	22	485 lbs.	29	505 lbs.
12-ft.	1 or 2 horses	32	500 lbs.	40	525 lbs.

*Corn stalk rake.

Regular Equipment

$\frac{3}{8}$ -inch teeth with single coil on all but 11-foot, which has $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch teeth.

Thills which can be made into tongue.

Extra Equipment

$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch teeth.

Guard teeth.

Mountain wheels (18 spokes) with or without roller bearings.

$\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch double coil teeth.

Inside or outside flanges on wheels.

Round, flat pointed teeth.

Doubletrees and neckyoke.

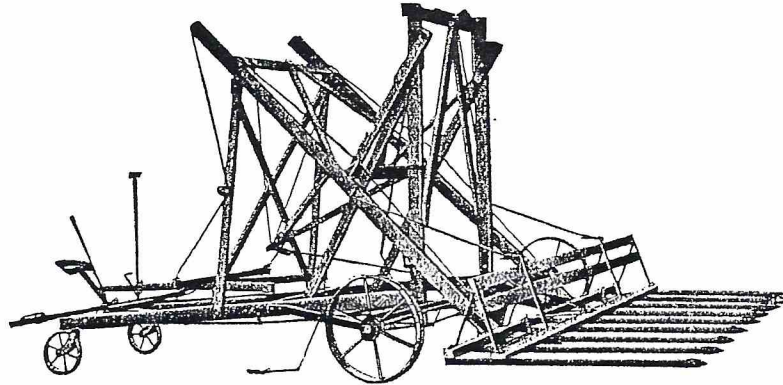
Roebuck only owned one pair of overalls and one shirt. He wore these until they fell apart. When new he did wash them occasionally to keep the new look as they faded he just wore them until they rotted. He never washed them when old. I once saw him take a pocketknife and scrape the thick dirt off his overalls. Once after buying new overalls and shirt he decided to wash them before going to Pinckneyville. After he had washed them, he put them on and started to Pinckneyville 6 miles away. He figured that by the time he had walked 6 miles his clothes would be dry when he arrived in town. He lived about 1 1/4 miles from Route 13. As he arrived on Route 13 Nellie (Kelly) Dublo came by, knowing Roebuck she stopped to give him a ride. (Nobody failed to stop and give you a ride if they knew you at that times). Due to the fact that he arrived sooner his clothes were still wet as he went about his business.

There were some bad boys in what is known as Beaucoup. This is a small village just outside of Pinckneyville. It is beyond Diamond Town, which lies just west of Pinckneyville. One Sunday these bad boys went out to Roebuck's farm. Roebuck had a sizable herd of cattle; some old cows, young cows, yearlings and calves. These boys would grab a cow by the tail and hold it against a tree while another boy with an ax would chop off the cow's tail. This upset all Roebuck's neighbors and some of them began to watch with shotguns. Luckily for the bad boys they never returned.

One year Roebuck worked for John Wesslin, who lived south of Pinckneyville about 2 miles. He walked from home to Wesslin's a distance of about seven miles, and back home that evening. During the summer he discovered a sizable watermelon patch on his way to work. When the melons were ripe, he would eat one for breakfast, dinner at Wesslin's and one for supper on his way home. As fall arrived, the melons being plentiful Roebuck began to collect them in a fence row and covered them with leaves and grasses to shield them from freezing. As the weather grew colder the melons did freeze but Roebuck continued to eat them until the diarrhea nearly killed him.

Roebuck owned land by my Aunt Lena Baudeson's farm, located on both sides of Swanwick Creek. In the summer time he moved cattle to this land. Once every week or two he would walk up there to salt the cattle. Cows like to lick a 50-lb. block of salt, but some farmers just put loose salt on the ground for cows to lick. If Roebuck happened to be there when day ended, he just lay down on the ground among the cattle and slept until daylight.

McCormick-Deering Hay Stackers



Illust. 4—McCormick-Deering Combined Sweep Rake and Stacker.

McCormick-Deering Swinging Stacker Builds Long Stacks

The swinging feature allows depositing the hay in a circle on the stack, eliminating much forking. Builds stacks 22 feet high. On special order, a high lift attachment can be had which gives the 25-foot 4-inch elevation.

Easy Operation

The load is swung around and dumped by means of a lever. Trip lever can be set so as to make the platform dump automatically. One man can attend the horses and operate the stacker.

Friction Brake

Team can be unhitched and platform lowered to the desired position by means of the friction brake regularly supplied with this stacker.

Light Draft

Either one or two horses can be used. Draft is same at all points of altitude.

McCormick-Deering Combined Sweep Rake and Stacker Used in Three Ways

1 When used as a portable stacker, it gathers up the piles of hay dumped anywhere around the stack by sweep rakes.

2. When used as a stacker only, sweep rakes deposit the hay directly upon the stacker platform.

3 On short hauls and comparatively even ground, this machine can sweep up the load of hay, carry it to the stacker, and elevate it, acting as a combined machine

Combined Sweep Rake and Stacker Builds Big Stacks

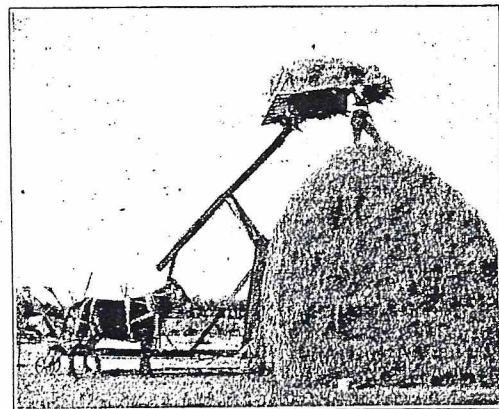
This stacker elevates the hay 20 to 21 feet and builds stacks as long as desired. Allows working with the wind—not against it.

Platform Raises Straight Up from Ground

Platform raises and lowers straight up and down—not in a circle. Thus in lowering onto stack, platform is not pulled away from it.

Friction Brake

Load is lowered onto the stack by friction brake adjusted for light or heavy loads, this brake being regular equipment of this stacker.

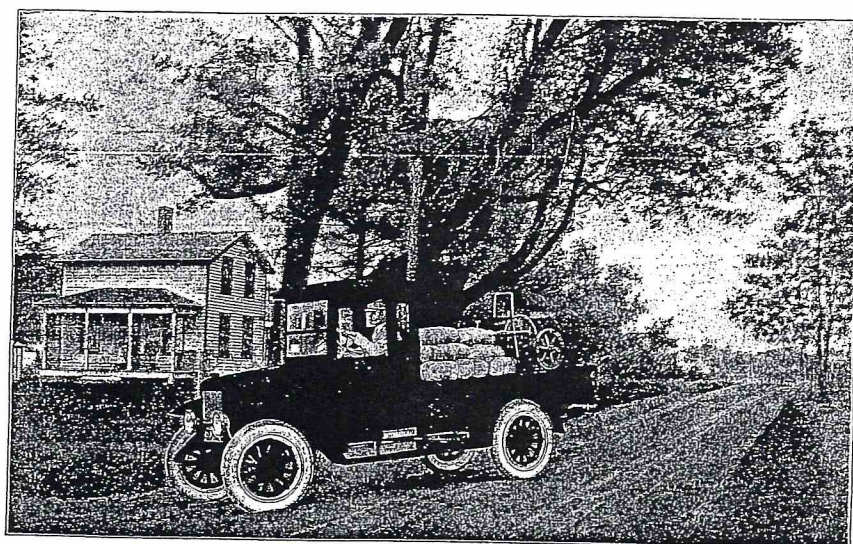


Illust. 5—The Combined Sweep Rake and Stacker gathers the hay from the ground and stacks it.

At his home place he raised cattle, hogs and horses. One year he had a beautiful bay (dark red) horse he named Petey. Petey was 12 years old and had never been broke to work. When you train (break) a horse to work, you hitch him with an old, gentle horse to break him in. Some are easy, but some never get gentled or broke in. My Uncle Pete Giacomo bought this horse Petey and he was easy to break-in as he was gentle and one of Roebuck's pets.

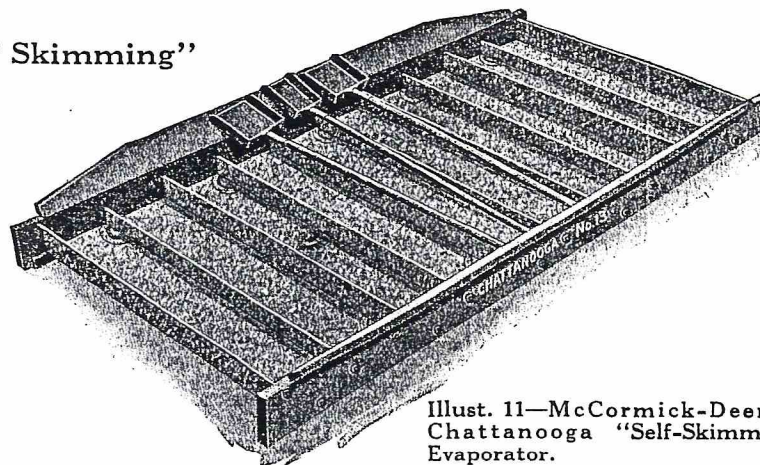
One evening about 4:00 o'clock Uncle George Giacomo and myself were getting ready to go to the cow barn to milk the cows. As we got our buckets and went into the yard Roebuck walked up with a 100-lb bag of shorts (middlings) on his shoulder. Shorts are the center lining on the grain of wheat. Bran is the outside hull, shorts are the part between the hull and the heart of the grain that is white and produces flour. Roebuck had hitched a ride from town to the Oak Grove Church. From there it was about a mile and a half to Grandpa Giacomo's farm. He had carried the 100-lb. bag this mile and a half when he arrived at he farm. We talked to him at least 45 minutes to an hour and he never set the 100-lb bag down. He stood there and talked with the bag on his shoulder. He still had a mile to go to get home with the 100-lb bag. This should give you an idea of the strength of Roebuck.

As Roebuck grew older and his health had failed, it was harder for him to walk all the way to town without resting. As he sat on side of Route 13 resting, he saw a Greyhound bus approaching. He got up, flagged the bus and asked the driver the fee to Pinckneyville. The driver told him it was \$.50. Roebuck said, "I only have a dime. Could you give me a dime's worth?" The bus driver said it's \$.50 or get off.



McCormick-Deering Chattanooga Evaporators

"Self Skimming"



Illust. 11—McCormick-Deering
Chattanooga "Self-Skimming"
Evaporator.

Made of 20-ounce, cold-rolled copper or 24-gauge galvanized steel, as specified. No solder exposed to fire. Bars run entirely across and are bolted to the sides of the evaporator. Where seams are necessary they are made double and at the tops of the bars.

Regular Equipment

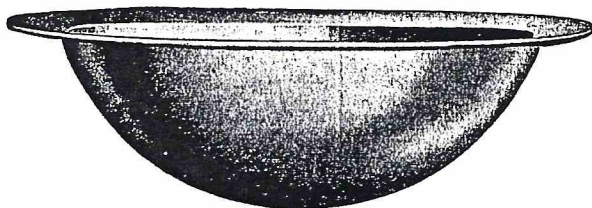
Extra sides to make evaporator deeper and wood bars to set on top of any bar to divide evaporator into larger sections if desired. To avoid mistake, order by number and specify steel or copper.

Two skimmers and one scoop with each evaporator.

SPECIFICATIONS—EVAPORATORS

No.	SIZE INCHES	CAPACITY GALLONS PER HR.	WEIGHT, GAL- VANIZED	WEIGHT, COPPER	No.	SIZE INCHES	CAPACITY GALLONS PER HR.	WEIGHT, GAL- VANIZED	WEIGHT, COPPER
11	46x 63	2½ to 3½	115 lbs.	112 lbs.	15	46x126	8 to 12½	200 lbs.	194 lbs.
12	46x 72	3½ to 5	135 lbs.	128 lbs.	16	46x144	10 to 17½	248 lbs.	240 lbs.
13	46x 90	5 to 7½	142 lbs.	142 lbs.	18	46x180	12½ to 20	337 lbs.	327 lbs.
14	46x108	6½ to 10	165 lbs.	180 lbs.					

Cast Iron Kettles



Illust. 12—Heavy, smooth and full capacity.

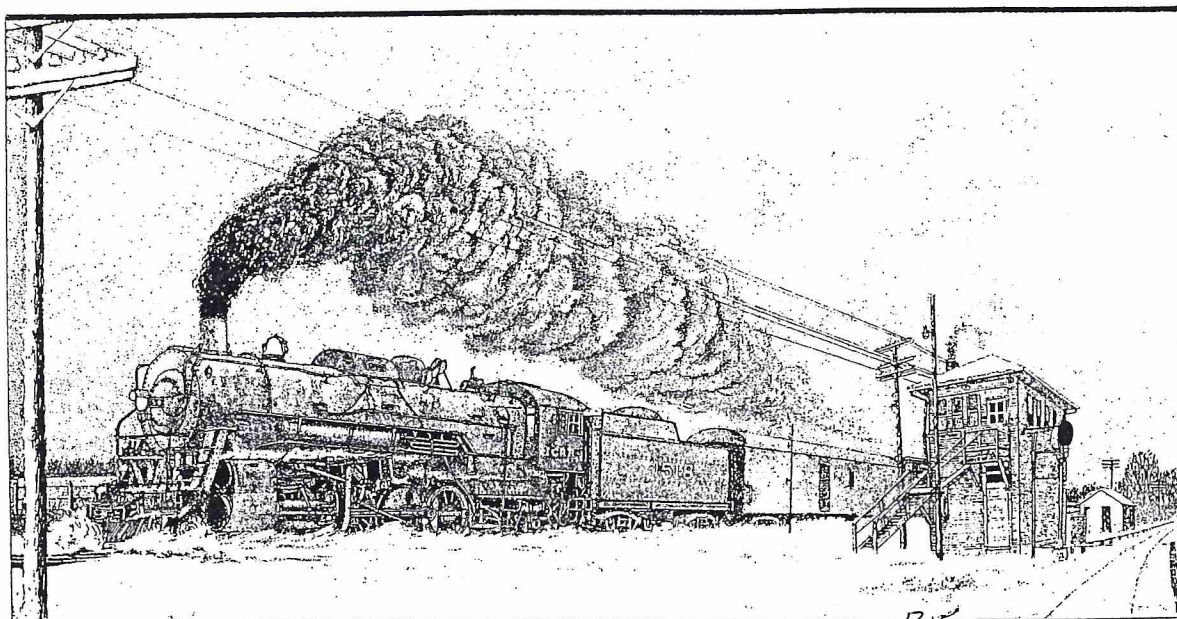
McCormick-Deering Chattanooga cast iron kettles are made from the right quality of iron to stand the fire, and of uniform thickness. They are made in a wide range of sizes, and if the purchaser desires to use them in "trains" he can select the proper sizes from the accompanying table. They are heavy, smooth, and of full capacity.

SPECIFICATIONS—CAST IRON KETTLES

CAPACITY	WEIGHT	DIAMETER OVERALL	INSIDE DIAMETER	DEPTH	THICKNESS	WIDTH FLANGE
20 gals.	100 lbs.	37 in.	29¾ in.	11⅞ in.	⅜ in.	3½ in.
25 gals.	120 lbs.	38 in.	31 in.	12 in.	⅜ in.	3½ in.
30 gals.	150 lbs.	39¼ in.	31¾ in.	13½ in.	⅜ in.	3¾ in.
40 gals.	195 lbs.	41 in.	33½ in.	15¼ in.	⅜ in.	3¾ in.
50 gals.	215 lbs.	48½ in.	42 in.	14½ in.	⅜ in.	3¾ in.
60 gals.	260 lbs.	51¼ in.	44 in.	15½ in.	⅜ in.	3¾ in.
80 gals.	385 lbs.	55½ in.	48¼ in.	17½ in.	⅜ in.	3¾ in.
100 gals.	490 lbs.	59¼ in.	51¼ in.	18¼ in.	⅜ in.	4 in.
150 gals.	850 lbs.	67¾ in.	59 in.	21 in.	⅜ in.	4¼ in.

One year Roebuck began to investigate the rocks in the creek that ran across his farm. This creek was Possum Branch that was later dammed up and became Pinckneyville's reservoir. He had decided that there could be gold in these rocks. He once told me that he was not too old to wear silk pants. He spent a lot of time in this creek looking for a clue to the gold. There were a few rocks that were the size of a small biscuit and each had a side missing making a small shallow cup. Roebuck insisted that was where the gold had been and it was now gone to Hell. Being curious I picked one up and brought it home with me. By accident I wet my index finger and rubbed the bottom of this rock cup and was surprised to see my finger had a red stain on it. After repeating the procedure a few times, I decided that it was one that the Indians had used for war paint. I added it to my lifetime collection of Indian Relics.

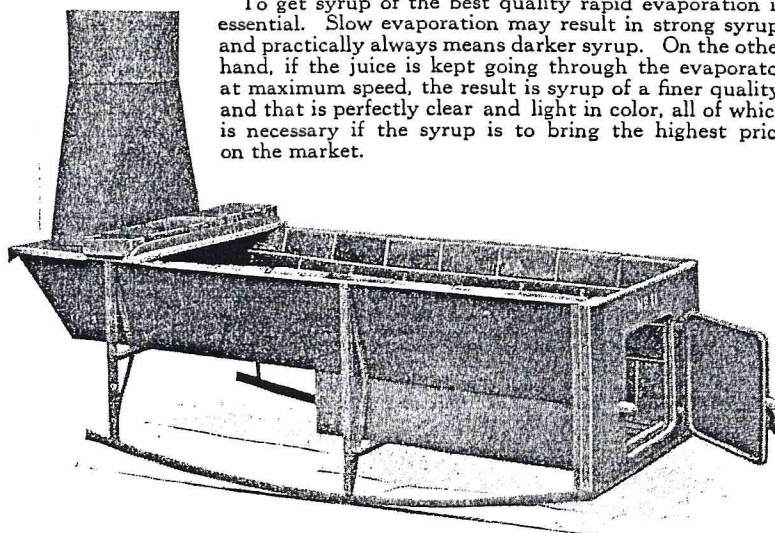
Roebuck still insisted that there could be gold in his rocks, so he collected about 1/4 of a burlap bag and headed to Washington D.C. to have them analyzed. A man who knew Roebuck told this to me. Not having the money to buy a ticket on a passenger train, he chose to ride a freight train and hitch-hike to DC. Instead of getting in a box car where he could sit while riding, he chose to hold the bag of rocks on his shoulder and hold onto the ladder on side of the car. As the trains gathered speed, he held on with one arm and held on to the sack of rocks with the other. As the trains sway from side to side his head would bump the car. By the time he had made the round trip his face was bruised and he had bumps on the side of his head. The verdict--there was no gold in his rocks.



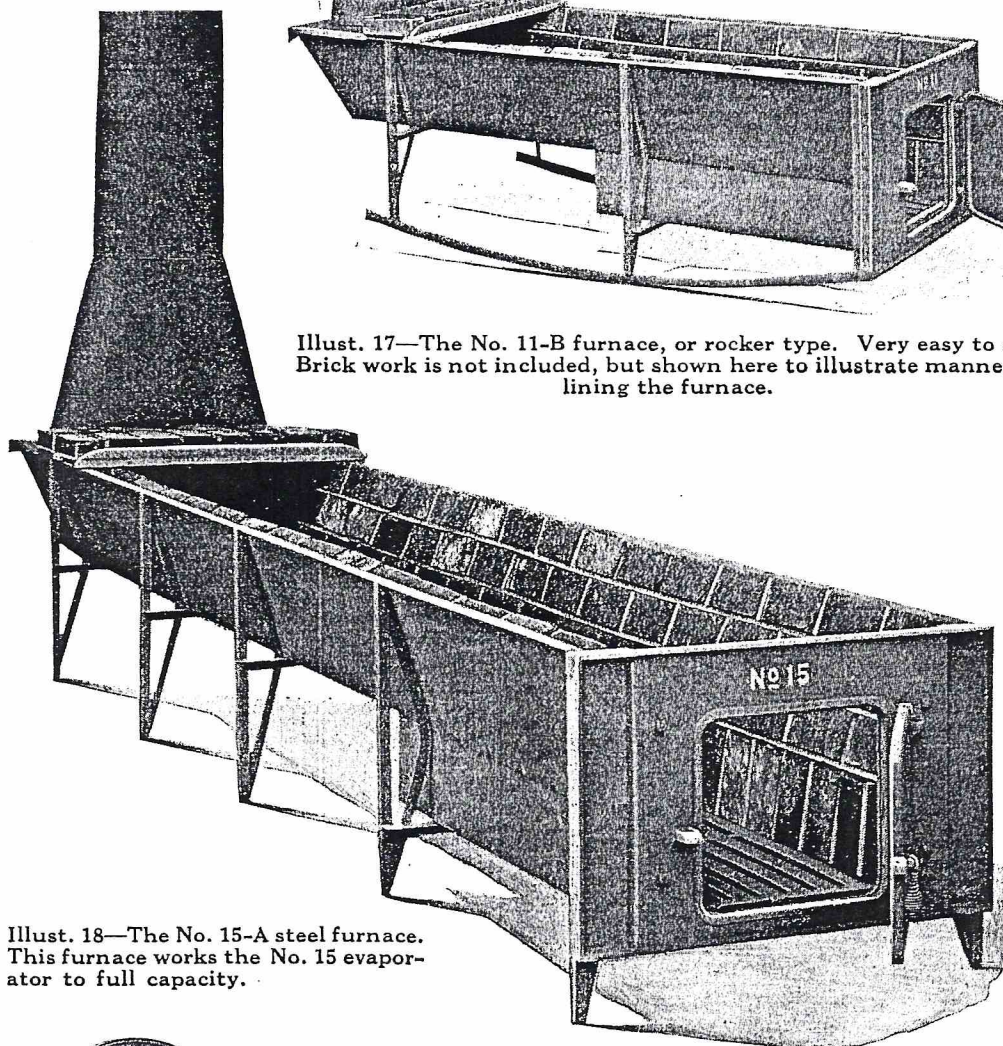
McCormick-Deering Chattanooga Steel Furnaces

Rapid Evaporation Means Better Syrup

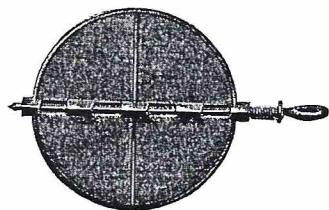
To get syrup of the best quality rapid evaporation is essential. Slow evaporation may result in strong syrup, and practically always means darker syrup. On the other hand, if the juice is kept going through the evaporator at maximum speed, the result is syrup of a finer quality, and that is perfectly clear and light in color, all of which is necessary if the syrup is to bring the highest price on the market.



Illust. 17—The No. 11-B furnace, or rocker type. Very easy to set. Brick work is not included, but shown here to illustrate manner of lining the furnace.



Illust. 18—The No. 15-A steel furnace. This furnace works the No. 15 evaporator to full capacity.



Illust. 19—Damper furnished with new style steel furnaces.

Better Combustion

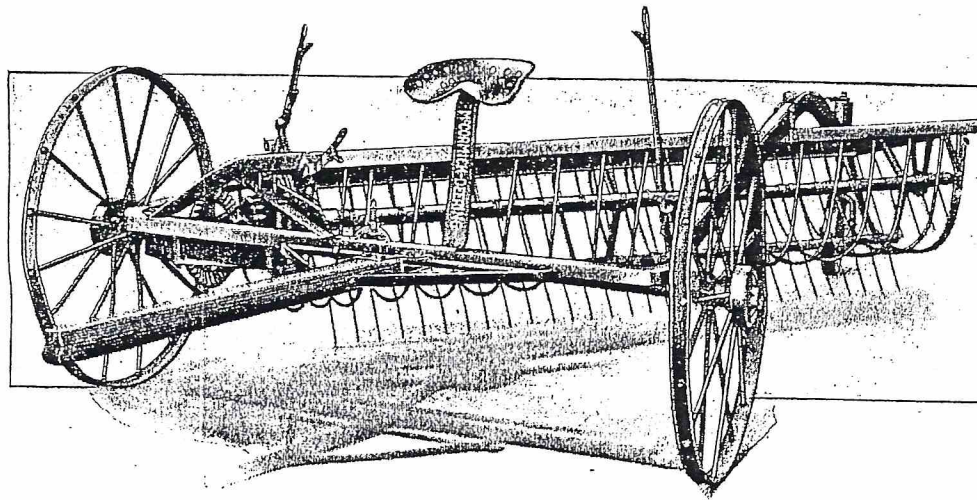
There are two reasons why these new style furnaces operate better with inferior fuel: larger fire boxes, and larger pipe. The door is larger, permitting the use of larger fuel, and the greater fuel capacity makes it possible to keep a larger fire going, so that combustion of fresh fuel is more rapid, making it possible to maintain a hot fire the full length of the evaporator all the time. The bottom of the door is on a line with grate, and when "finishing a pan" the fire can be drawn much more quickly than from furnaces having the grate lower than the bottom of the door. A damper in the pipe gives good control of the fire.

One day Josie Giacomo, his brother John, Howard Kelly and I decided to go frog hunting. We went to the big hill just north of the Wylie School where Wolf Creek crosses the road at the foot of the hill. Wolf Creek and Swanwick Creek both were in the puddle stage at this time of year. It was the month of August or Dogs Days as we described them at that time. We started down the creek where it would flow into Swanwick Creek. As we walked, the Bull Frogs would be sitting outside the pools of water and as we came closer, they would jump into the water. We could count them as they jumped in. We would then take off our overalls and wade into the pools and catch the number of frogs we had counted as they jumped in. Some of them would bury themselves in the mud, but we would locate them by stepping on them. Occasionally we would locate a snapping turtle. That was my job to bring them out. I had learned that a snapping turtle has three pointed edges in the back of his shell. I would then put my hand down on the turtle's back, very carefully. Run my hand around his shell until I found the tree points at the rear of his shell. I would then grasp him by the tail and raise him up out of the water.

As we proceeded down the creek we caught a lot of frogs, we would punch a hole in their bottom hip and put them on a stringer. The stringer got so heavy we would take turns packing it. On our way back we stopped at the Wylie School to get a drink. While there, Roebuck came along and offered us \$2.00 for our frogs. We wouldn't sell them as we thought of the frog fry we would enjoy. As we finally arrived at Uncle Joe Giacomo's house, Aunt Pearl told us the frogs had been dead too long and they were spoiled. Then we had to throw them away. We then realized our error, we should have sold them to Roebuck, it would have made him no difference. He would have eaten them anyway and we had lost \$2.00.

As I was going to Grandpa Giacomo's house one day, Roebuck was collecting Rocks out of his creek looking for gold. I stopped and visited with Roebuck for awhile and he told me if he struck gold he was not too old to wear silk pants. To this day I have never seen a pair of men's silk pants.

McCormick-Deering Side Rakes and Tedders



Illust. 4—McCormick-Deering roller bearing Side Rake and Tedder.

Sold in Two Sizes

The raking width of the regular size is 7 ft. 3 in. and the bean special size 8 ft. On the bean special size, the reel extends farther out from the caster wheel than it does on the regular size rake, preventing winding when raking beans. Except for this, the two sizes are alike.

Rakes or Teds

This machine is instantly convertible from a side rake to a tedder, by changing the direction in which the reel revolves. One lever controls the direction of the reel, another lever controls the slant of the teeth either backward or forward.

Left Hand Delivery

In following the mower, the hay is placed upon clean stubble, not upon an unraked swath. The teeth work against the heads of the hay, catching in the crotches between the leaves and stems, and raking clean.

Six Roller Bearings

The roller bearings make this rake exceptionally light in draft.

Strongly Built

Note the angle steel frame, the rigid bracing including the large truss beam running over the reel, the extra heavy gears, heavy piping for reel shaft and tooth bars, etc. The main axle is solid steel.

Supplemental Caster Wheel

Only one caster wheel is regularly supplied. An extra one may be had on special order and at additional cost. It is used on very rough ground. When one caster wheel is in a furrow or depression, the other holds the reel up, keeping the teeth from digging into the ground. An equalizer with springs allows the two caster wheels to balance each other on rough ground. Both wheels are shielded.

Regular Equipment

Pole and one caster wheel.

Extra Equipment

Neck yoke, double trees and extra caster wheel.

SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING SIDE RAKE AND TEDDER

MACHINE	RAKING WIDTH	SPACING OF TEETH	NO. HORSES REQUIRED	WEIGHT STANDARD EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT OF SUPPLEMENTAL CASTER
Regular size.....	7 ft. 3 in.	3 3/4 in.	2	940 lbs.	75 lbs.
Bean special.....	8 ft.	3 3/4 in.	2	955 lbs.	75 lbs.

My cousin Josie Giacomo and I spent the summers in the woods. We hunted, fished and occasionally dug wild roots. There was a big grove of Paw-Paws on Roebuck's farm. In the fall as the Paw-Paws ripened, Roebuck would go to this grove and eat Paw-Paws for breakfast, dinner and supper. He ate Paw-Paws until there were no more. One year while squirrel hunting on Roebuck's, Josie discovered a Bee Tree. This is a hollow tree that wild bees had made a home in. It was a huge Red Oak that had a very large hollow in it. We waited until fall when the weather got cold and then we cut the tree down. We only took the new white comb honey. There was a dishpan of this new honey. We left a number 3 tub full of dark honey for Roebuck. This dark honey was in Brood Comb. Brood Comb is when young bees are raised in the comb, it becomes dark instead of the white new comb built that summer.

Roebuck knew we had cut the tree, so he would go there 3 times a day to eat honey until it was all gone. We once cut a Bee Tree that had this white honey in it. It was clear as water and had a distinct wild cherry flavor. Of all the Bee Trees cut in my lifetime, this was the only one with that kind of honey.

One day in wintertime Roebuck went to Pinckneyville and stayed all day. Not realizing he had to walk all the way to his sister's (Caroline Collie Clark) house where he was staying. It was late at night and dark when he arrived. He then realized the livestock must be fed at this late hour. He goes to the barn and in the dark goes up to the hayloft where he would throw the hay down through a hole in the loft. Being unable to see in the darkness he fell through the hole and fell in the manure, outside the feed bunk. He broke his leg in the falling and had to lie there in the manure until morning. He had reached up into the feed bunk and got an old binder canvas and covered himself to stay warm. They took him to the Pinckneyville Hospital and the doctor put a cast on his leg. They had to hide his clothes to keep him in the hospital, as he was ready to go home once the cast had been put on his leg.



"ROEBUCK"

CAROLINE "COLLIE" CLARK

One year when I was a sophomore in Christopher High School (1931) Roebuck planted his bottomland in corn. It was the custom then to always put pumpkin seeds in the corn boxes and plant both at the same time. He had this bottom ground fenced with woven wire, as he had sheep with his other livestock. One day the sheep found a hole in the fence and got into his cornfield. The corn was about 10 inches in height and was exactly what the sheep wanted. Before Roebuck discovered that his sheep were in the corn, the sheep had eaten all the corn and didn't touch the pumpkin plants. As summer went by, we would go to Uncle Pete's and we could see the pumpkins growing. One in particular was getting bigger faster than any of the others. We investigated and found it was the only pumpkin on that vine. As fall arrived it was the size of a washtub. Uncle Pete and I tried to pick it up one day and were unable, as it was hard to grasp. Determined, I suggested we get 2 oak boards and roll it in the wagon. We succeeded and brought it to Uncle Pete's house. We never did weigh it, but I'm sure it weighed 100 lbs. easily as I have never seen another pumpkin as large. Uncle Pete cut it up with a corn knife and fed it to his cows.

Roebuck bought a pair of bib overalls and a new shirt twice a year. He would wash them a few times, but after they had faded and showed wear he stopped washing them and wore them until they were beyond repair and filthy dirty. When he did wash them, he put them in a creek with running water. He laid them down and put rocks on them to hold them down and not wash away. The creek had a sandrock bottom and the water was clear and clean.



When we lived on Grandpa's farm that joined Roebuck's farm on the north, we used to take the short cut out to the main road. This would save us about 2 miles. We had to go by Roebuck's house when we took the short cut. After we crossed the creek in Roebuck's pasture, there was a low hill that led us out of the bottoms up to Roebuck's house. This road had been used for some years, so the wear had lowered the road bed about 2 feet.

On top of this small bank was a dead tree. The woodpeckers had made a hole in the trunk and had used it as a nesting place. Now a screech owl had taken over and we could see him looking out of the hole as we went by. My sister and I named him Willie Screech.

As we drove by in the buggy, we loved to take the buggy whip, then reach up and touch Willie Screech. This caused him to fall backwards into the hole. The next time we came by, there would be Willie looking out the hole.

The short cut we took led us out to the main road which is now Route 13 leading to Winkle, Illinois.

We had another way to town. We went across Roebuck's and on to Grandpa's other farm. Then we got on the township road that led us out to the Oak Grove Church and the Star Route to St. Louis. The telephone poles had red stars on them to guide the way to St. Louis. This is now Route 127 that goes to Nashville, Illinois.

Uncle Joe owned 3 steam engines. In the summer time he pulled a grader with his engines and graded the road to the Perry County line. The loose dirt was pulled to the middle of the road, causing dust about 3 inches deep. This was the time the young starts (boys) liked as they had cut outs on their cars. When the cut-outs on the cars were opened, it let the exhaust blow directly down on to the dust. This caused a huge dust cloud ranging several hundred feet into the air.



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Wayne's Stories of Roebuck
Remembered and Written by Wayne Giacomo

Roebuck and Cowpea Soup

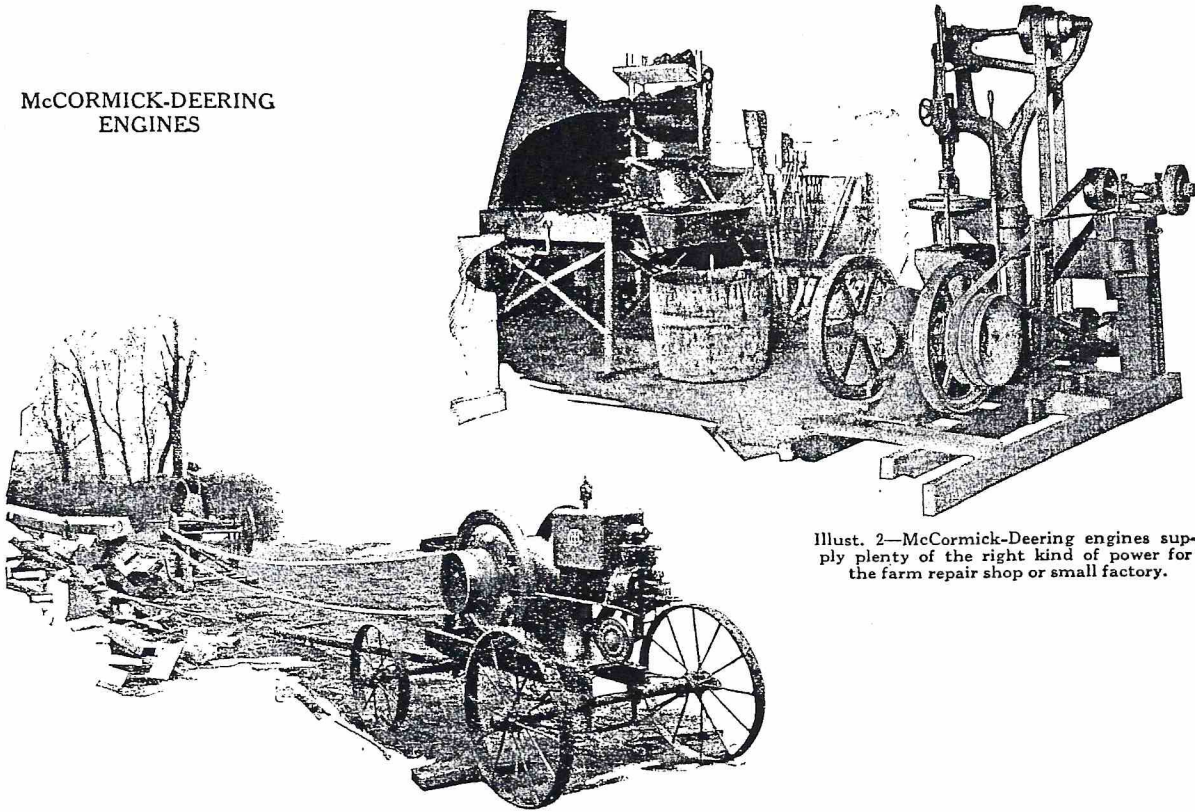
The first 14 years of my life, I lived within a mile of a man named Charlie Feik. He was nicknamed "Roebuck".

I have heard several stories of how he received that nickname. I will not repeat any hearsay stories. All the stories that I tell will actually have happened in my presence.

One day my father sent me over to Roebuck's place to get him to help do some work. When I got there, he had something cooking in an old black pot on some bricks outside -- he had no cook stove. Nearing the fire, I discovered he was cooking cowpeas. (I don't know where he got them, unless he gleaned them from someone else's field.) I told him why my dad had sent me over there. He said he would come after he had eaten his lunch. He also asked me if my mom put eggs in her soup. He liked eggs in his. He went off down the hill to a brush pile. I saw him kneel down and scramble the leaves. He came out carrying something in his hand. As he came near me, I saw it was two turkey eggs. He said that the old turkey hen had been sitting on the eggs a couple days, so he "loust" allowed the eggs would still be all right. When he cracked them on the edge of the pot, it sounded like a shotgun blast, green liquid came from the eggs, but he put them in the peas anyway.

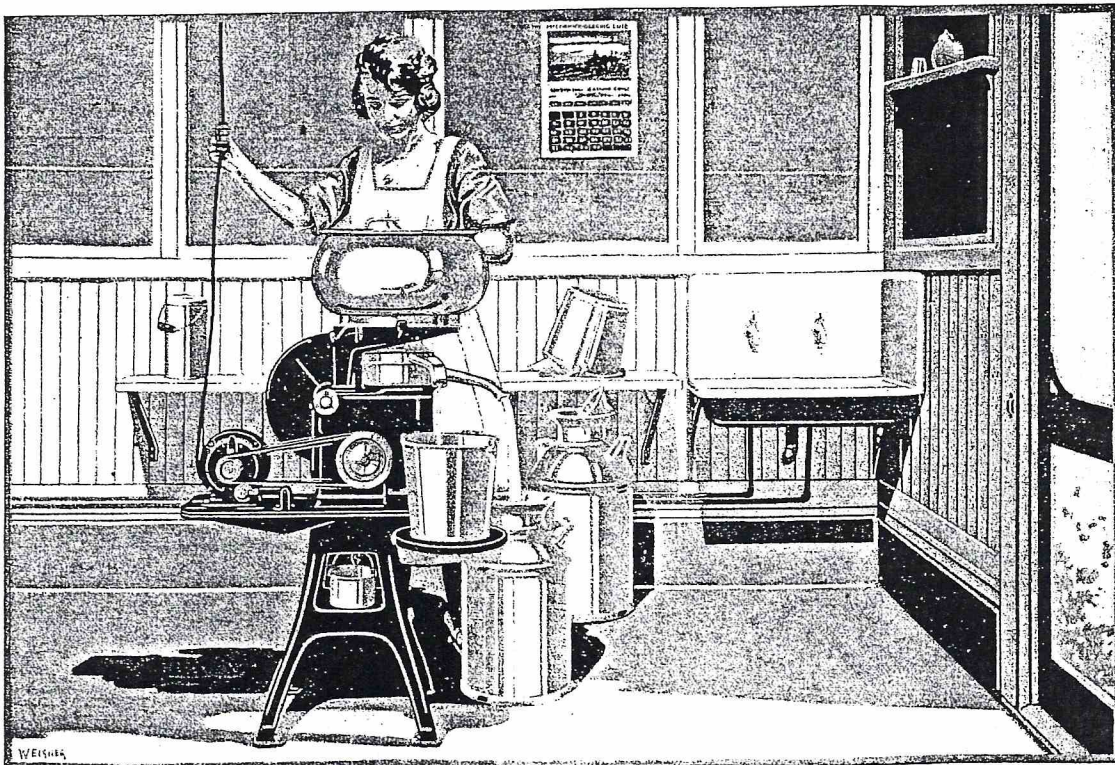
When I got home, I told my mom about the soup. And she told me to never eat a bite there. And I didn't.

McCORMICK-DEERING
ENGINES



Illust. 2—McCormick-Deering engines supply plenty of the right kind of power for the farm repair shop or small factory.

Illust. 3-A—McCormick-Deering engines are well adapted to operate changeable loads like wood-sawing, because they have throttle governors which regulate the fuel to the load, and heavy flywheels which help to keep the speed uniform.



Illust. 1-B—Wherever electricity is available an electric motor-driven McCormick-Deering Primrose is a time-and labor-saving cream separator. McCormick-Deering Primrose cream separators now in use may be equipped with motors and drive.

Chicken or Man

Another time, my dad sent me to Roebuck's early one frosty morning. When I got there, I neither saw nor heard him. So I yelled, "Hey" real loud at the door of his shack.

I heard a muffled noise come from within. He came to the door and I almost passed out. He was naked except for a covering of chicken feathers from head to toe. I asked him, "Why all the feathers?" -- he told me that his sister had given him a feather bed. Instead of sleeping on top of it, he had cut a hole in one end and another hole in the opposite end. He had crawled into the feather bed where he could sleep and be warm. He shook himself like a dog and dressed.

His clothes consisted of a shirt and bib overalls. I never saw him without bib overalls.

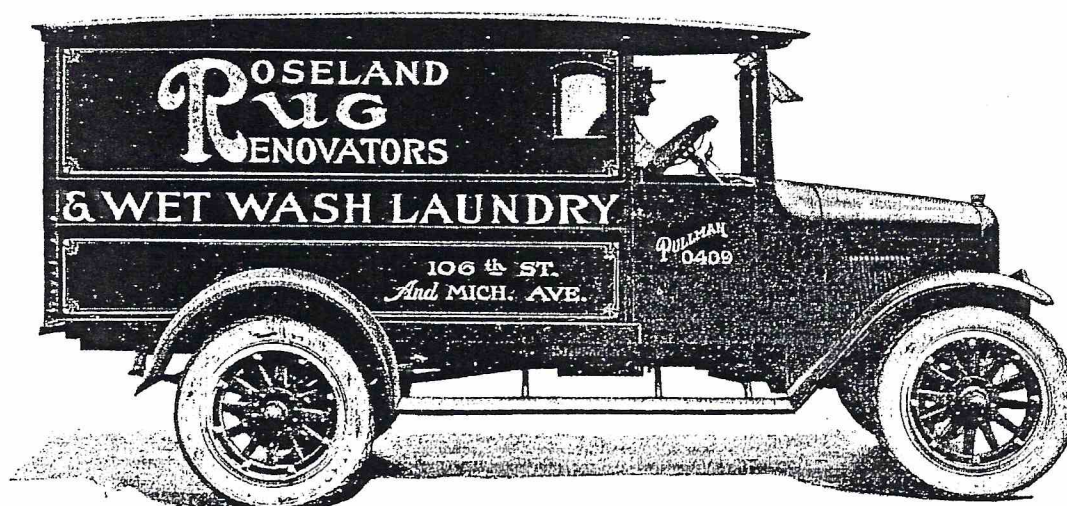
He told me he would come help my dad after he had breakfast. But that will be another story.

A Sad Day

My dad's brothers, George and Bill, and his sister Rose, lived within walking distance of my home. My dad sent me to Aunt Rose's one day to get some seed corn. The shortest way was to go through Roebuck's pasture. When I got to the fence that separated our pasture from Roebuck's, I heard the most eerie wailing I had ever heard. I knew it was Roebuck, and I thought he had hurt himself. When I went around a little hill, I saw him sitting flat on the ground with his horse's head in his lap. He had two horses, Nick and Harry. Harry had died. Being a kid, I didn't know any words to console him, so I went on to Aunt Rose's house. A couple hours later, I came back and Roebuck was still in the same spot, but not wailing so much as before. He asked me if I would tell my mother to call the rendering company, and she did as soon as I got home.

I went through there the next day and Harry was gone. I assumed the rendering truck had come and taken Harry away. For several months after that, if Harry's name were mentioned, Roebuck would cry.

International Speed Truck—Model S



Illust. 8—Model S International Speed Truck with enclosed panel delivery body.

SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity—2,000 pounds (maximum.)

Wheel Base—124 inches.

Frame—Pressed steel channel, 5 inches deep with three cross members.

Speed—25 to 30 miles per hour.

Engine—Four-cylinder block cast, L-head type, mounted in frame with three-point suspension.

Bearings—Two main bearings, front $2\frac{1}{8} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ inches; rear $2\frac{1}{8} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ inches; connecting rod bearings $2 \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Lubrication—Constant level circulating splash system by plunger pump and engine pan oil troughs.

Ignition—High tension battery ignition with four-point distributor and coil mounted forward on engine, very accessible.

Cooling—Water cooled; thermo-syphon system; large fin-and-tube radiator and fan.

Clutch—Dry plate, multiple disk.

Transmission—Sliding gear selective type, three speeds forward and reverse, direct on high. Unit construction mounted on engine by a standard S.A.E. No. 3 bell housing.

Axles—Front—I-beam heat-treated steel drop-forging. Rear—internal gear type, heat-treated drop-forging for carrying load and live axle for transmitting power.

Control—Left hand drive, spark and throttle levers on steering post, foot accelerator, clutch and service brakes operated by foot pedals, gear shift and emergency brake levers in center of driving compartment.

Brakes—Service brake external contracting on rear axle drum; emergency brake internal expanding in rear axle drum.

Springs—Half-elliptic, front, $2\frac{1}{4} \times 39$ inches; rear, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 52\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Auxiliary springs, quarter-elliptic, $2\frac{1}{4} \times 24$ inches.

Wheels—Artillery type with straight side demountable rims and heavy truck cord tires.

Fuel Capacity—12-gallon tank in cowl.

Dimensions—Height of loading platform with capacity load, $32\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Length of chassis over all, $181\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Distance from driver's seat to end of frame, 88 inches. Frame overhang over rear axle, $38\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Maximum width of body, allowance $45\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Regular Equipment

Pneumatic truck cord tires
Power tire pump
Front fenders
Electric starter
Electric lighting system
Storage battery
Electric horn
Tools

Extra Equipment

(Supplied from factory at additional cost)

Enclosed panel body
Panel stake body
Open express body
Grain box attachment
Enclosed cab
Three-quarter-enclosed cab
Semi-enclosed cab
Full length top
Curtains for three-quarter and semi-enclosed cabs and full length top
Screens for full length top
Front seat and cushion
Windshield
Full length running boards and dust shields
Rear fenders
Speedometer with transmission drive
Bumper
Tire carrier
Spare tire and rim
Tire chains
Power tire pump

A Narrow Escape

When I was a kid, my dad and I found many bee trees. We would scarcely get the tree cut down until Roebuck showed up. He loved honey. He would always take a big chunk of honeycomb with him and eat it as he walked.

One day he was walking down the road eating honey. He approached an empty farmhouse. There was a smokehouse nearby. He decided he was full and was going to put the rest of the honey in the smokehouse with the intention of eating it at a later time. He put the honey on a rafter. On the rafter was a white powder. He thought the powder was flour. A couple days later he passed that way again and picked up the honey and ate it. By the time he got to our house, he was beginning to get very ill. It was Saturday evening and we had gone to see my grandmother. When we got home, Dad put the car in the garage, which was attached to our barn. Dad heard a moaning sound coming from the barn. He went to investigate the noise and found Roebuck lying in a manger deathly ill.

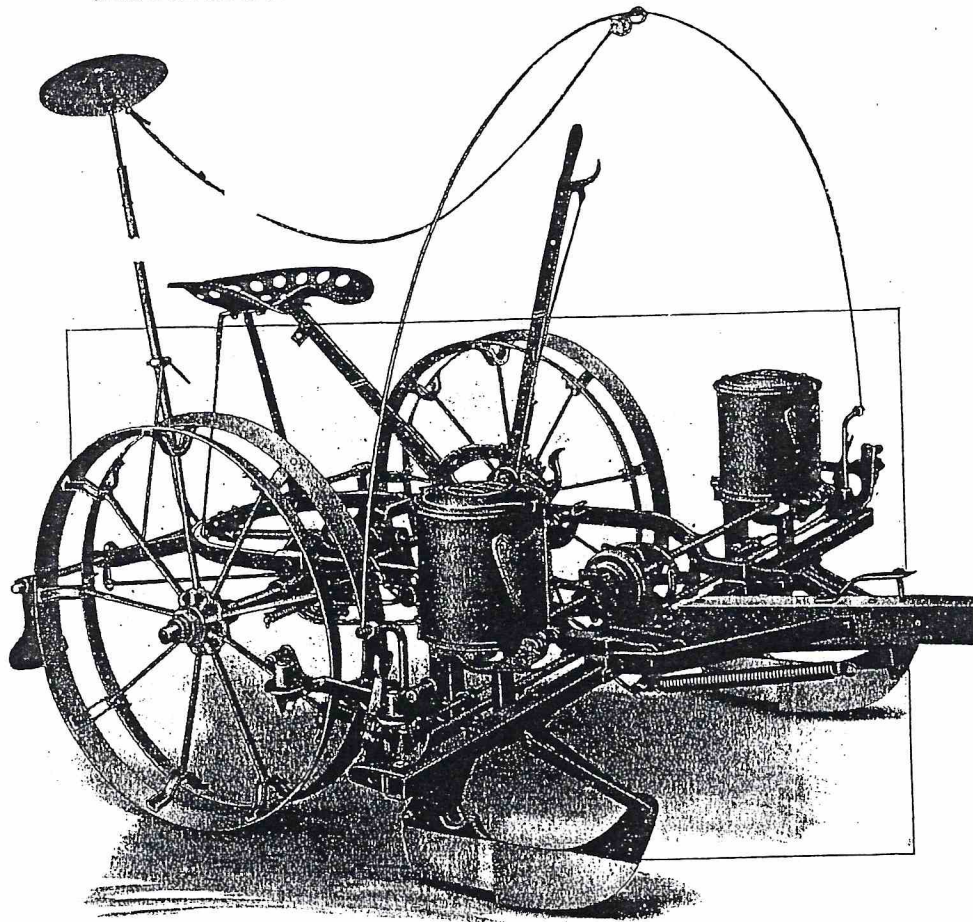
Dad had my mom call the doctor to explain his condition. The doctor said for us to bring Roebuck in and he would see him. When the doctor saw Roebuck, he looked at my dad and shook his head. He told my dad that he thought it was serious and that if he lived through the night, to bring him back the next day with a sample of the powder from the old smokehouse.

Dad took the sample in the next day, the doctor discovered the honey had absorbed the powder. It was not flour at all; but arsenate of lead. The doctor told dad to give Roebuck lots of sweet milk and light food. He wanted to see Roebuck every day for 5 or 6 days.

Mom would fix food for him and send him milk to drink. My parents wanted to fix a cot for him in the basement, but he refused to leave the barn because he thought he was too dirty to be in the house.

For a while he would drink all the milk, but the food was hardly touched. After 3 or 4 days when Mom noticed that most of the food was gone, we knew he was on the road to recovery. After about 5 or 6 days, when Dad took the food to him, he was gone. He must have gone home during the night.

International Corn Planters—No. 1



Illust. 3—International No. 1 corn belt planter.

A General Purpose Planter

International No. 1 is used throughout that section of the country where corn is the principal crop. It is adjustable to plant in the three widths usually accepted by corn belt farmers. It can also be used for drilling or power hill dropping by making quick, simple changes.

Adjustments Quickly Made

The change from checking to straight drilling is accomplished by pushing a small foot lever past center. No attachments are necessary. The power hill drop attachment is simple, inexpensive and can be put on by anyone in a few minutes. With it, full hills can be dropped without the use of check wire. The general construction of International No. 1 is strong and durable.

Regular Equipment

Four sets of plates as ordered
Variable drop and clutch
Check rower, reel and 80 rods of wire
Swinging marker
Sled runners
Open rim wheels
Adjustable for rows 3'4", 3'6", 3'8".

Extra Equipment

Stub runners, single disk, or double disk openers
Fertilizer attachment
Combined corn and pea hopper
Brush cut-off
Power hill drop
Closed rim wheels
No. 4 gauge shoes
No. 3 12-inch disk furrow attachment

Weight International No. 1 Planter Regularly Equipped—540 pounds

WHAT A REGULAR 16-CELL PLATE WILL DO IN THE No. 1 INTERNATIONAL

DRILLING IN INCHES						AUTOMATIC HILL DROP—INCHES					
20-TOOTH ON AXLE TO		13-TOOTH ON AXLE TO		10-TOOTH ON AXLE TO		20-TOOTH ON AXLE TO		13-TOOTH ON AXLE TO		10-TOOTH ON AXLE TO	
6-Tooth	10-Tooth	6-Tooth	10-Tooth	6-Tooth	10-Tooth	6-Tooth	10-Tooth	6-Tooth	10-Tooth	6-Tooth	10-Tooth
7	12	10	18	14	23½	28	47	43½	72½	56½	94

Another Narrow Escape

There was a store in Pinckneyville called Keene's Market. One day it caught fire and burned down. There were canned goods with the labels burned off and the ends of the cans were bulged. Roebuck retrieved several sacks of this canned food, as well as, some sacks of sugar.

He would take a can of the food and say "I loust" this is sauerkraut. He would open the can with the blade of an ax. It might be beets. He would eat the food in that can and then open another, saying "It might be beans". Instead of beans it might be peaches.

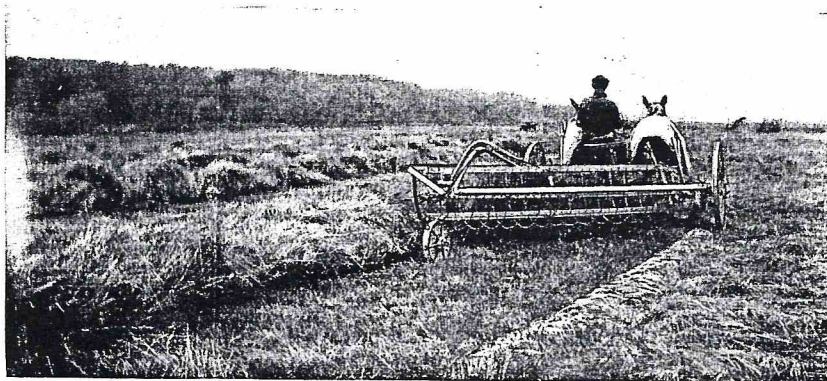
During the fire, glass bottles, jars, etc. would burst from the heat. Fragments of glass were in the sugar he had retrieved. He used some of the sugar and came to our house spitting up blood.

Again my Dad took him to the doctor. Roebuck explained what he had eaten and the doctor decided he must have eaten sugar with glass in it.

Again he stayed in our barn for a few days until he recovered.

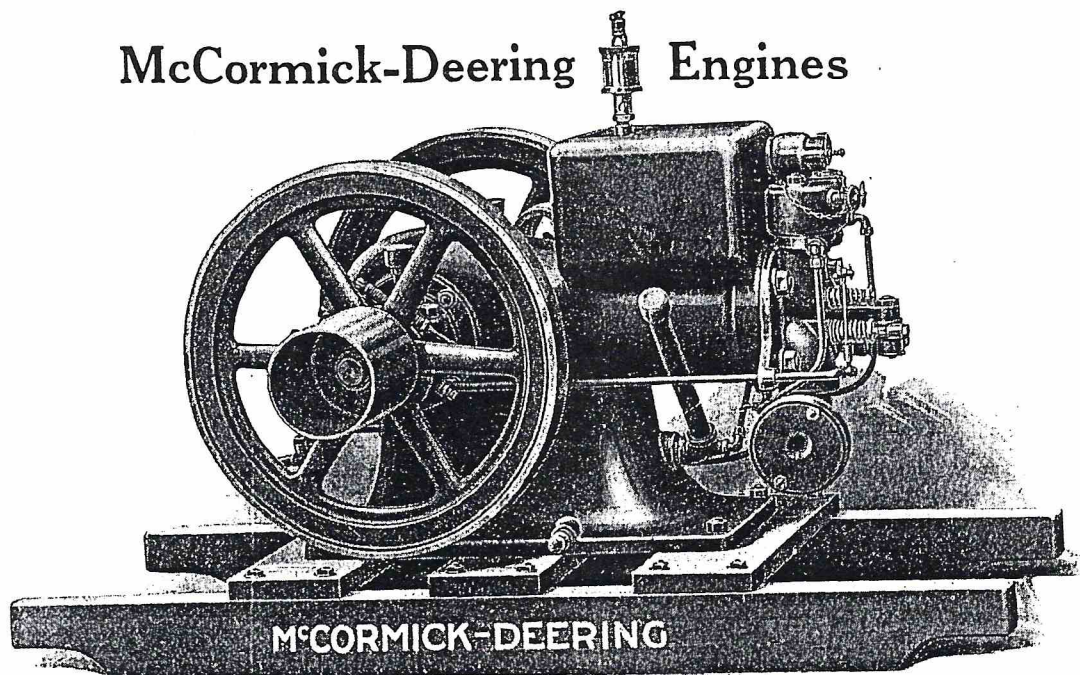
One day Dad had Roebuck come to our house to help him do some work. When Roebuck came, he brought Mom a sack with 5 or 6 cans of this food. She would have nothing to do with it. When he went home, she opened the cans and emptied them in the slop barrel.

Later Roebuck asked her if she enjoyed the food. She told him that it was fine. So he left happy.



Illust. 2—Raking with the McCormick-Deering side rake and tedder.

McCormick-Deering Engines



Illust. 3.—McCormick-Deering Kerosene Engine

Meet Farm Conditions

McCormick-Deering engines are made of high-grade material throughout.

Simple construction makes easy operation.

When taken apart, the engine is in ten units or groups of parts, for instance, by removing four nuts the cylinder head comes off and with it the fuel mixer, ignitor, valves, and other small parts. This means quick and easy repairs. The permanent alignment of all parts is insured by the base, crank-case and water-jacket being cast in one piece. This means increased years of service.

Well known valve-in-head construction.

Enclosed crank-case protects working parts.

Working parts readily accessible.

Four piston rings hold compression perfectly.

A removable cylinder makes repairs in case of scoring or other injury quick and inexpensive.

Uses Low-Priced Fuels

The McCormick-Deering 3, 6 and 10 H. P. Engines operate successfully on kerosene, distillate (39° Baume), or gasoline.

Mixer is located above cylinder. Gravity assists suction of piston in drawing fuel into cylinder.

Water used with fuel.

Throttle governor maintains constant speed.

A safe engine—fuel is pumped to mixer, excess returned to fuel tank.

Low-tension gear driven magneto used for starting and running—no batteries needed.

Ignitor points easy to get at and easily adjusted. Extra wide and heavy adjustable crank pin bearing, oiled by grease cup on end of crankshaft.

The crank case is equipped with breather and drained of oil. This means a clean engine.

The flywheel keys are protected so that they cannot catch clothing.

Regular Equipment

Magneto.

Skids on the 1½ and 3 H. P.

Skids on 6 and 10 H. P. when not portable.

Plain pulleys on 1 and 3 H. P.

No plain pulleys for 6 and 10 H. P. engines are shipped regular unless ordered, but plain pulleys from 6 to 18-inch diameter, inclusive, will be furnished with the 6 H. P. engine and from 6 to 26 inches in diameter with the 10 H. P. engine, if specified, without additional cost. Additional charge will be made for larger sized plain pulleys.

Tools.

Extra Equipment

Plain pulleys (see pulley list).

Friction clutch pulleys for 6 and 10 H. P.

Two-wheel hand truck (1½ and 3 H. P.).

Four-wheel truck (1½ and 3 H. P.).

Horse truck (6 and 10 H. P.).

Pump jack. Brake for horse trucks.

SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING ENGINE

RAT'D H.P.	SP'D R.P. M.	BORE IN.	STR'K IN.	SIZE OF PLAIN PULLEY INCHES		FLYWHEEL INCHES		FUEL TANK GAL.	HOP- PER, GAL.	FLOOR SPACE AND HEIGHT WITHOUT SKIDS			FLOOR SPACE AND HEIGHT WITH SKIDS			SHIP- PING WT. LBS.
				Diam.	Face	Dia.	Face			Lgth. In.	Wdth. In.	Hgth. In.	Lgth. In.	Wdth. In.	Hgth. In.	
1½	500	3½	4½	4	5½	18	1¾	½	2¼	32¾	26¾	26	48	26½	30½	325
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6	550	4¾	8	*14	*12¼	28	2½	37/10	8	51¼	40¾	36¼	54¼	40¾	42½	870
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*Recommended.

Bobby and Joe

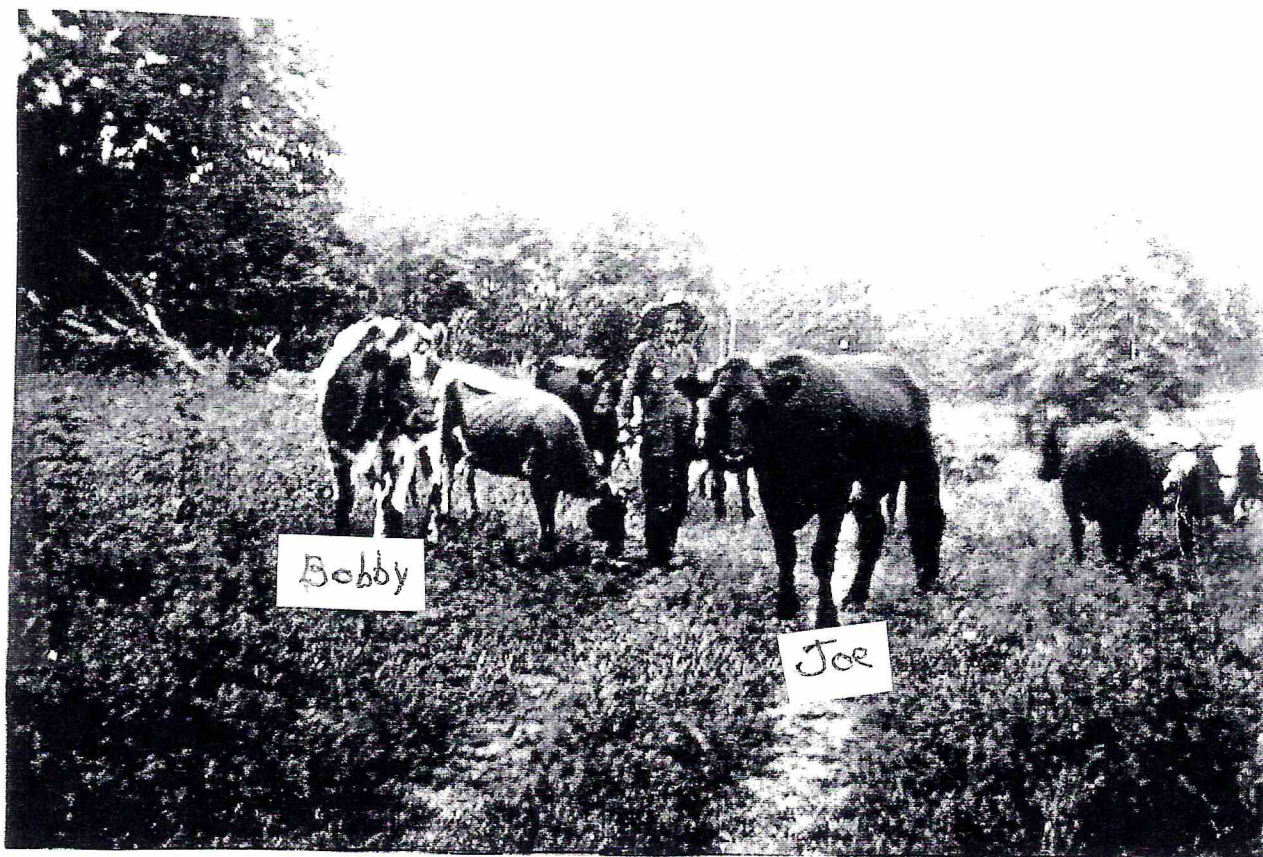
Roebuck owned two steers, Bobby was white with brown spots and Joe was black with white spots. I do not know what they weighed, but in my memory, I would say that they each weighed close to a ton. I do not know their age, but I would guess in their teens. Roebuck loved those steers and would often come to our house and say, "Bring your box and come shoot Bobby, Joe and me." He meant for me to bring my camera and take his picture with the steers. He never paid for any film or development of the pictures. Those years were lean on the farm and money was not plentiful. Mom made me quit taking his pictures.

Many of the men of the neighborhood told him that he should sell the steers before they died. We had a man in our area that hauled animals to market. Roebuck set a date for him to come pick up the steers. The day he came they loaded the animals in the truck. Of course, Roebuck rode along with them to the stockyards in East St. Louis. Roebuck was not offered what the steers were worth to him, so he refused to sell them. He had to hire a black man to bring him and the steers back home. The man charged him \$50.

Then someone suggested to him to talk to Bardle Bros. in Pinckneyville. Bardles ran a meat market in Pinckneyville and did their own butchering. They offered Roebuck what he thought was a reasonable price. He accepted and the time was set when they would pick up the steers. Bardles knew how much he thought of the steers, so they picked them up and took them to their market. They took them directly into their slaughterhouse and butchered them before Roebuck backed out.

No telling how many pounds of hamburger that Bardle Brothers got from the steers.





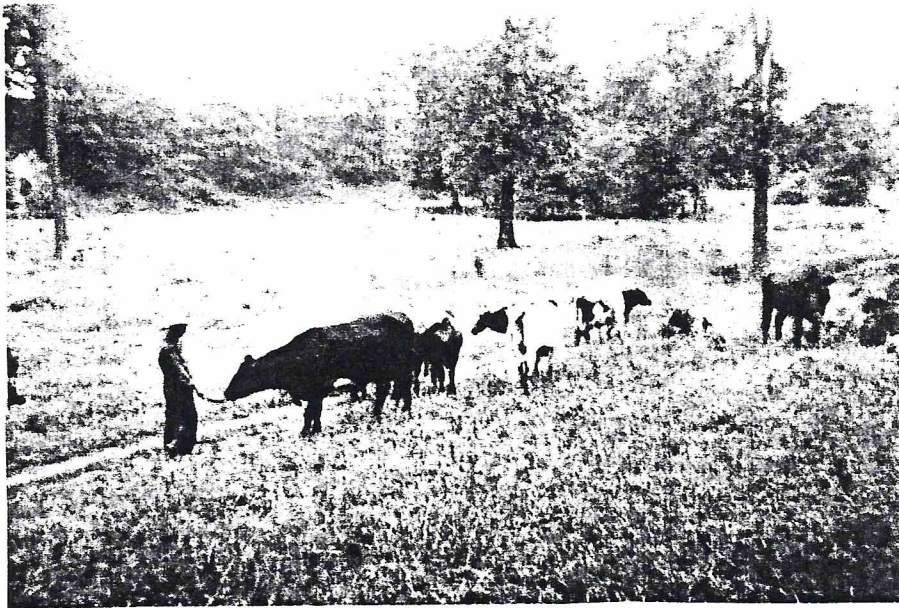
A Mystery Is Solved

It was always my job to get the cows to the barn at milking time. We had a huge pasture and sometimes they were close and sometimes far away. There was a big steep hill in the pasture, which we called the bluff.

One evening the cows were not to be seen in the bottoms and I went up the bluff looking for them. I walked to the far corner of the pasture and saw the cows huddled together in the fence corner. We had one cow whose name was Daisy. I saw her with a rope around her neck, tied to a post.

For several weeks when I would get the cows in, Daisy would have no milk. We had several young heifers that Dad planned to keep for cows. Dad assumed one of the young heifers was getting the milk.

When I told my dad what I had seen, he said, "That's where the milk has been going." After we did the chores that evening and had eaten supper, Dad headed out to Roebuck's place. I do not know what was said at the visitation, but it must have been forceful words because Daisy always had milk after that.



OUR FULTON SPECIAL ROAD CART, \$9.75.

Our FULTON SPECIAL ROAD CART is made throughout of CAREFULLY SELECTED MATERIAL. EVERY PIECE and PART COVERED by our BINDING C

The workmanship is first class, and the illustration shows the cart just as it will appear when you have received it at your freight station.

The wheels are Surven's patent, 46 inches high, 1-inch oval edge steel tires. The cart is very strong and thoroughly well made, nicely finished in wine color; carrying capacity, two passengers. All wood parts, seat and spring block are made of carefully selected seasoned timber; shafts, cross bar and shaft circle are of select hickory; 1-inch double collar steel axle, square at shoulders, octagon in center, hung so as to be perfectly balanced on long, easy riding, oil tempered springs. Seat 30 inches wide from rail to rail, long bent seat form. Made in either width of track, narrow, 4 feet 8 inches, or wide, 5 feet 2 inches. In ordering state width of track required.

No. 11R1045 Price, cash in full with order.....\$9.75

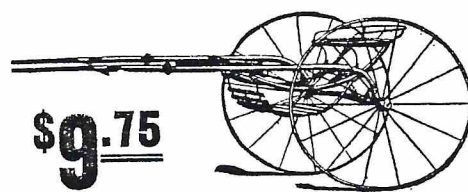
EXTRAS.

We can hang this cart on coil springs instead of the long elliptic springs for.....\$1.00
We can furnish tight foot rack, if desired, for......65

The price quoted is for the cart delivered free on board the cars at Chicago.

Customer pays the freight.

The weight of the cart, ready for shipment, is about 150 pounds.



\$9.75

No. 11R1045

Department of Cutter

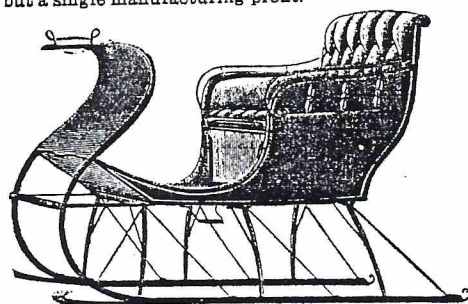
OUR CUTTERS are built at our own factory under the supervision of our own foreman, finished in our own finishing rooms, and we are able to guarantee them exactly as represented.

WE BUILD FOUR STANDARD STYLES, including an up to date bob sleigh, each the latest model for the coming season. We are able to make these remarkable prices by building cutters on the long run plan, using the latest automatic labor saving machines, avoiding changes in style and finish, bringing the price of manufacturing to the lowest notch, making direct factory shipments to the customers at the actual factory cost with but a single manufacturing profit added, selling them \$5.00 to \$10.00 less than retail prices.

Each cutter is fitted, finished and trimmed as described. Our remarkable prices are possible avoiding changes in style, changes in trimming, changes in painting, etc.

OUR \$16.95 PORTLAND CUTTER.

IN FIXING THE PRICE we do not provide for the jobber, the traveling salesman, or the local agent, but we make shipment direct to the customer, pricing this sleigh at the actual factory cost, adding but a single manufacturing profit.



No. 11R1403 Body is made of the best air seasoned selected material, solid panels, guaranteed not to split, warp or crack. Gear is made of selected second growth hickory; double bent knees. Braces, bolts and clips best grade Norway iron. Higgins' best grade hardened steel shoes; seat upholstered in the best possible manner with 14 ounce dark green broadcloth, with spring back and spring cushion. Cushions are removable. Painting is first class, highly polished and

neatly ornamented; body, black, neatly striped; gear, Brewster green; nickel plated arm rails and dash rail with steps, nicely trimmed.

No. 11R1403 Price, complete with shafts.....\$16.95

Extra for pole in place of shafts.....1.25

Extra if trimmed in plush in place of broadcloth.....1.50

Shipped direct from our factory at Kalamazoo, Mich., from which point the customer pays the freight. Shipping weight, crated, about 200 pounds.

OUR \$19.90 IMPERIAL PORTLAND.

THIS OUR SPECIAL \$19.90 Portland Cutter, is the latest in design for this season. It is modeled after the original materials. We are furnishing for \$19.90 a cutter that cannot be had elsewhere for less than \$3.00 to \$8.00 more money.

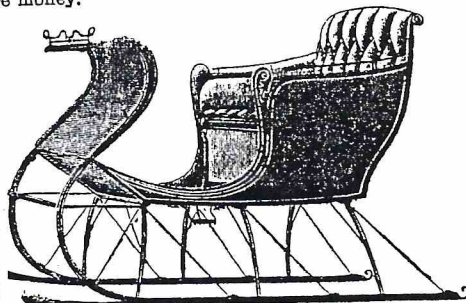
No. 11R1409 Body is large, roomy and comfortable; made with high panels and extra high back; made of the best air seasoned timber, solid panels. All joints are reinforced, screwed, glued and plugged. Gear is made of the best selected second growth hickory; double bent knees. Braces, bolts and clips from the best Norway iron. Higgins' best grade hardened steel shoes, securely bolted to runners. Painted in the highest style of the art, highly polished, neatly striped and ornamented. Body black, striped in gold bronze and carmine. Gear, Brewster green, striped in gold bronze. Seat upholstered in heavy 14-ounce English green broadcloth. Full spring back and spring cushion; cushions are removable; curved dash with side wings and nickel plated dash rail. Nickel plated arm rails; neat foot steps and nicely trimmed shafts.

No. 11R1409 Price, complete with shafts.....\$19.90

Extra for pole in place of shafts.....1.25

Extra if trimmed in plush in place of broadcloth.....1.50

Shipped direct from our factory at Kalamazoo, Michigan, from which point the customer pays the freight. Shipping weight, crated, about 200 pounds.



DO NOT WRITE US FOR OTHER STYLES, peculiar finish upholstering a

vided in the extras. Our prices will not allow changes; we s market to supply anything else; our season's output will be ready before the snow flies. We are prepared to make prompt

either style, but we cannot supply other styles at any price.

ORDERS FROM MIDDLEMEN, Jobbers or Implement deal,

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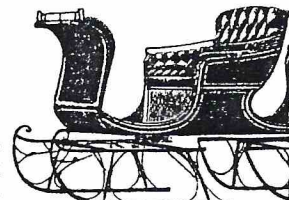
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No. 11R1421 Our Russian beauty combines elegance and comfort, is strictly high grade throughout, is such a sleigh as is usually sold from the boulevard city repositories at from \$65.00 to \$80.00.

Our Russian two-seat beauty is built at our own factory, built and finished during our dull season in the carriage trade, and shipped direct to our customer from our factory finishing rooms.

The gear is made of select seasoned second growth raves, not sawed. Heavy steel shoes, with wrought iron fa with Norway iron clips, rivets and bolts throughout, strong a roomy, comfortable body, twenty-four inches high, built in inches wide, deep sides. One-piece panels, thoroughly gl plugged. Double sweep easy back, shaped for comfort and curved front, with handsome flaring wing dash, mounted with with artistic body panels. Spring backs and cushion, richly imported English broadcloth. The body panels are painted black, artistically decorated. Gear, dark Brewster green, su with the body.

We make no changes in this high grade sleigh whatever model; it is our two-seated cutter bargain, built to discou any market. We positively cannot change the finish or th accommodate anyone. We do not build any other style two-price is the same whether one or one dozen is ordered carload to a dealer at the same price. Remember, on this grade cutter, one style and one finish only.

No. 11R1421 Price, complete with shafts.....

Extra for pole in place of shafts.....

Shipped from our own factory at Kalamazoo, Mich.,

the customer pays the freight.

Shipping weight, crated, about 400 pound

Prices on Vehicles are Subject to Advance Without Notice.

The steel market is such that we are looking for higher prices in springs, axles, wheels, etc. Buggies may cost from \$1.00 to \$3.00 more to build; surreys, \$3.00 to \$5.00 more. We will fill orders at printed prices as long as our material on hand lasts; if it is then higher we will claim the right to advance our prices to cover the exact difference of cost of material to us.

Just a Friendly Little Pinch

It had rained all day Friday and Friday night. It was too wet for my dad to do any farm work. So we decided he'd go with Mom and me to town that Saturday. We went into town and stocked up the needed farm supplies we needed for the next week. Going home there was hardly room for me to ride in back seat. There was a sack of hog feed, a sack of chicken feed, and a sack of flour in the back. When we got about halfway home, we saw Roebuck walking along toward home. My dad said, "Should we stop for him?" Mom agreed and we stopped. Being no room in the back, he had to ride in the front beside Mom and Dad. When we got about a half-mile from where Roebuck was to get out, we had a flat tire. Dad got out to change the tire. Roebuck never moved to help, but sat right there in the car. All at once he reached over and pinched my mom on the leg. She told him never to touch her again! By that time Dad had the tire changed and we continued on our way. When we reached Roebuck's turn-off, he got out and started on his way home. We hadn't gone far before Mom started to cry. My Dad wanted to know why she was crying. She told him what Roebuck had done. When Roebuck pinched her she resisted, he said, "Oh, you don't want a pinch when the old man is along." As if that were a common practice. Mom told Dad never to pick him up again. As far as I know, he never did.

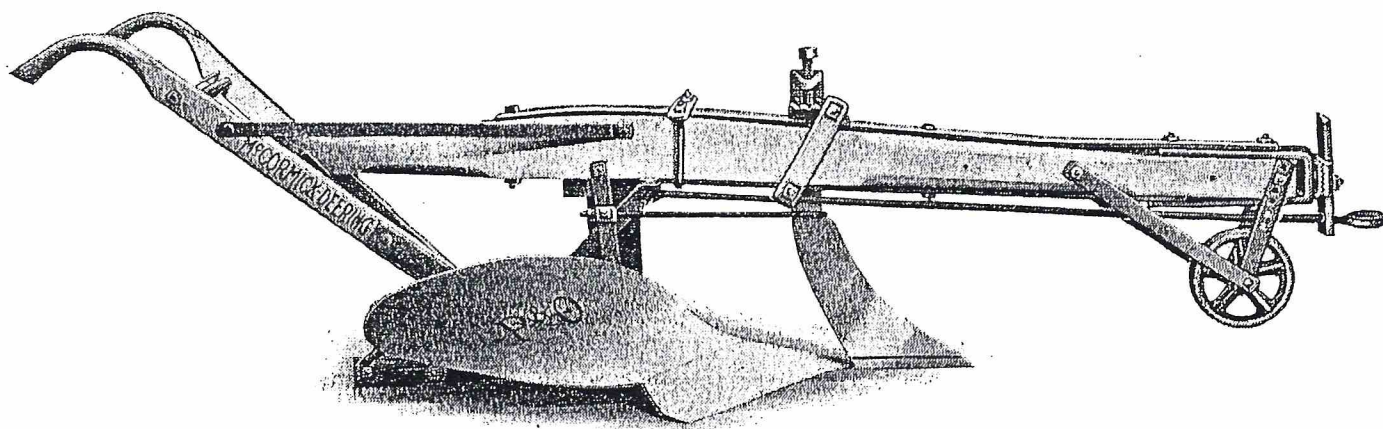
After chores were done and supper was over, Dad headed out for Roebuck's. He must have "read the riot act" for Roebuck never ever again said anything to or touched her.

A Big Dose

Roebuck came to our house one day not feeling well. He said that he had been sick all night and "googled and googled" (vomited). He told Mom he "loused" he needed some "blow-out" medicine. She asked my Dad what to give him. Dad told her to give him a double dose of Epsom salts. She mixed the salts with water in a quart jar and gave it to him. He drank it all and left.

About a week later he came by and Dad asked him if the medicine worked. Roebuck said "Mean, me (believe me) that was powerful stuff. I went for three days and filled the fence corner." It must have been really powerful, for he never asked for anymore "blow-out" medicine.

McCormick-Deering Brush Breakers—Nos. 451 and 452



Illust. 83—McCormick-Deering No. 451 Brush Breaker.

For Brush Land

These plows are built for breaking land that is grown up in hazel brush, blackberry bushes, cranberry bushes or other underbrush. They are built very strong and recommended to hold up under very hard usage.

Built for the Hardest Kind of Plowing

The McCormick-Deering brush breakers have massive oak beams, reinforced with heavy steel straps and braces. The substantial construction of the standing cutter and the manner of securing it to the beam and standard, can be seen in the illustrations. Notice the tie rod from the standard to the cutter. When the point of the cutter encounters a stump, this tie rod prevents the cutter from pulling away from the share as the plow is backed. The cutter has a hole in the heel, into which fits the rounded snout of the share, and when this pulls

out, as happens with plows not having the tie rod, some time is lost in putting it back.

Rigid Bracing

The share and moldboard are very solidly braced, to the standard, to the handles, and to the land-side; in fact, share, moldboard, landside and braces are so securely put together that they form a solid unit of steel that will withstand the hardest usage.

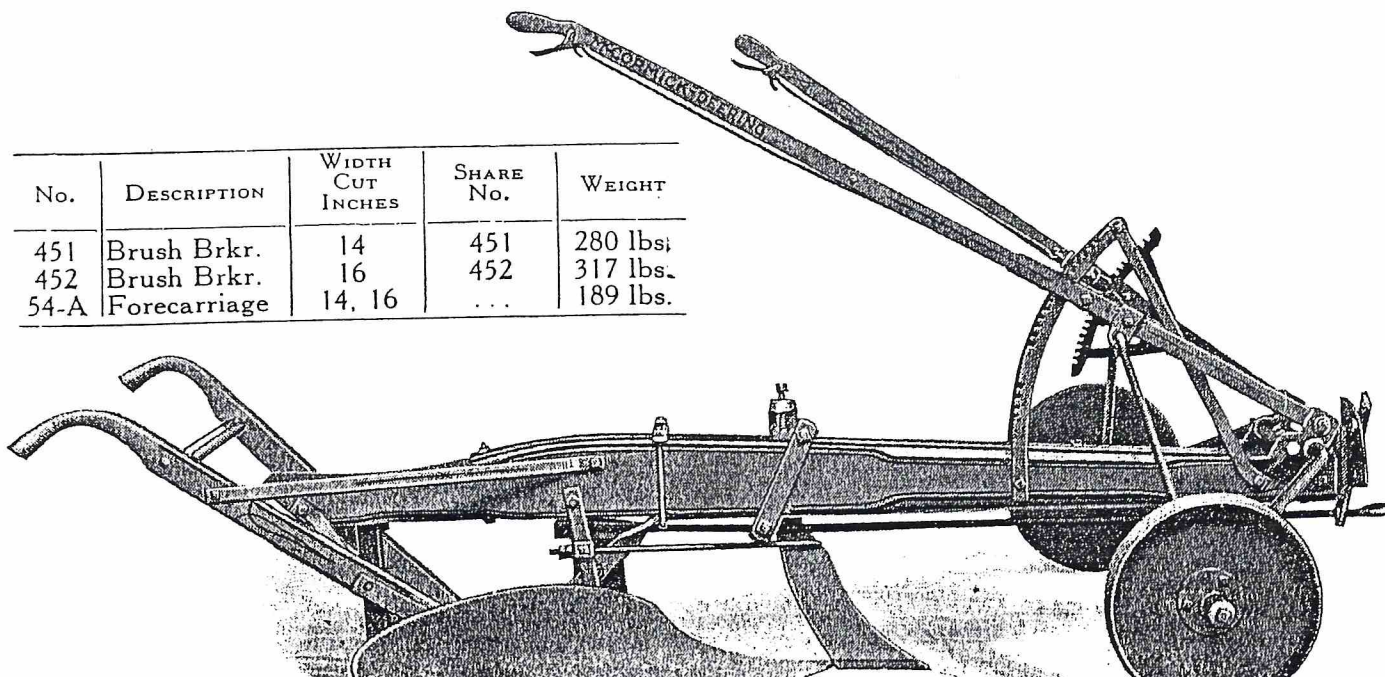
Regular Equipment

Hard steel mold and solid steel share.
Wood beam and handles.
Duck-bill cutter, SAHC 7 for No. 451 plow,
SAHC 8 for No. 452 plow.
SAGW 61 gauge wheel.

Extra Equipment

No. 54-A forecarriage.
Fin cutter.
Tractor hitch.

No.	DESCRIPTION	WIDTH CUT INCHES	SHARE No.	WEIGHT
451	Brush Brkr.	14	451	280 lbs.
452	Brush Brkr.	16	452	317 lbs.
54-A	Forecarriage	14, 16	...	189 lbs.



We Make Music

Many a Saturday night, Roebuck would come to our house. If he saw we didn't have company or weren't going anyplace, he would come in. He loved the Grand Ole Opry and so did I. We only had a little battery-powered radio. If the battery weren't dead we would listen to the Opry. He would laugh and clap his hands to many of the tunes.

I had a Jews harp. He wanted me to play it. I could play about any tune that was on the radio. If they played a fast tune, he would jump up and do a funny little jig. I would double over with laughter and he would laugh too.

When the Opry was over, he would get up to leave. Before he left, he would toss me a nickel or dime - mostly a nickel - for playing for him.

A Little Salty

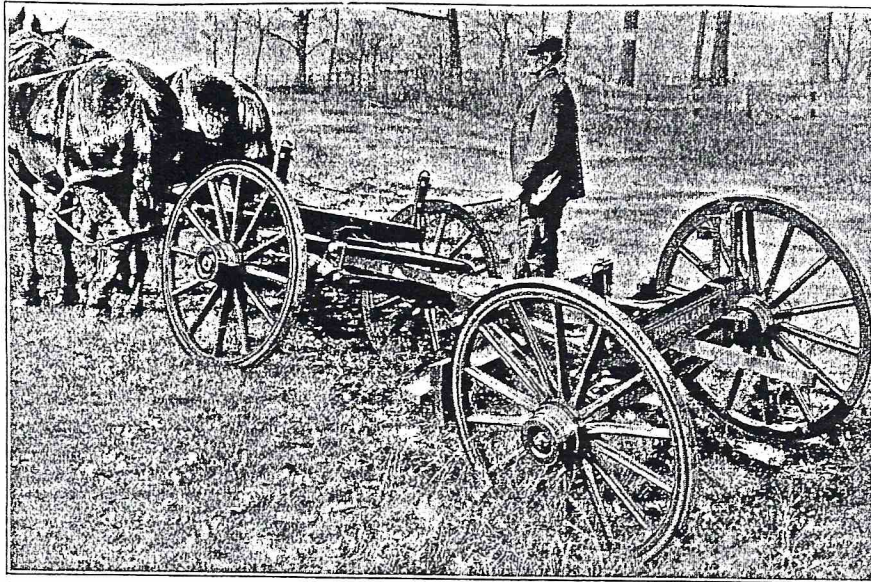
During threshing time, my Dad and my uncles helped each other thresh. On a particular day, we were at Uncle George's. Mom, Aunt Rose and Aunt Mary cooked the dinner for the threshermen. My Dad thought I was old enough to be the water boy, so it was my job to carry jugs of water to the men who were threshing. Since I was a part of the crew, I got to eat with the men.

Aunt Mary had made a large pot of chicken and dumplings, plus other foods. Roebuck was a hearty eater. The rest of us were finished except for dessert. Roebuck filled his plate again with dumplings. One of the women had accidentally filled the sugar bowl with salt. He picked up the sugar bowl expecting to pour sugar on his dumplings. He took a bite and made a wry face. One of the women asked him what was the matter. He said, "I 'loused' I got salt instead of sugar." Aunt Mary told him to let her throw the dumplings out and get himself some more. But he would have none of that. He said, "I fixed them that way, so I'll eat them that way."

I'm sure he drank more water that afternoon than any of the other threshing crew.

Weber Cumberland-Blue Ridge Farm Wagons

A Mountain Farm Wagon



The Swivel Reach Coupling is a safety device which prevents damage to the reach on uneven ground.

General Specifications—Series G

These wagons are built of extra high grade wood stock and are especially constructed to meet the severe requirements of road conditions and the service to which they are subjected in the mountain territory.

They will be found in every way superior for this use to the usual farm wagons, even of the so-called "high grade" and for the few dollars extra in price every dealer will be benefited in placing his efforts on the sale of these goods on account of the reputation and the trade that they will establish in his community.

Fifth Wheel and Swivel Coupling

All Weber two-horse wagons and gears are furnished with IHC safety first swivel coupling (Patent applied for) and the IHC patented fifth wheel.

Skeins

Cast iron only unless specifications state otherwise.

Wheels

Furnished in two heights: favorite height 40-inch front, 44-inch rear (this height used now almost universally) and low wheels 36-inch front and 40-inch rear.

All wheels are made with bent rims, double riveted and are of a special grade throughout.

All 36-inch and 40-inch wheels made only with twelve spokes, bent rims, double riveted.

Tires

All tires are oval edge of a splendid quality of steel and of extra heavy sizes.

Brakes

For either wagons or gears are made of special design for this special grade of wagons and will be found extra strong and built for severe strain and usage under difficult mountain conditions.

Stakes on Bolsters

On light, medium, standard and heavy gears the stakes are 8 inches high, IHC pattern and are furnished with removable extension stakes.

Tongues

Furnished either in the drop or slip tongue type of our regular construction. Slip tongue costs extra unless otherwise provided for. Drop tongues are furnished with trees, yoke, chains; slip tongues with trees, chains, and tongue chains.

Wagon Boxes

Unless otherwise specified, boxes are with square end. When desired, an attachable boot end can be furnished at an extra cost. Spring seat furnished regularly on complete wagon.

Weber Specifications

Light Wagons and Gears

Capacity 1,500 pounds, wagon box 10 feet long, 20 inches deep, furnished with board endgate (no grain cleats) and regular type spring seat.

Medium Wagons and Gears

Capacity 3,000 pounds, wagon box 10 feet long, 24 inches deep, with IHC folding endgate, grain cleats and link box rods, regular type spring seat.

Standard Wagons and Gears

Capacity 4,500 pounds, wagon box 10 feet 6 inches long, 26 inches deep. Other features same as for medium wagons above.

Heavy Wagons and Gears

Capacity 6,000 pounds, wagon box 10 feet 6 inches long, 28 inches deep. All other specifications same as for medium wagons above.

Extra Heavy (3¾-inch) Wagons and Gears

Capacity 7,500 pounds. Other features same as for heavy wagons.

A Hairy Breakfast

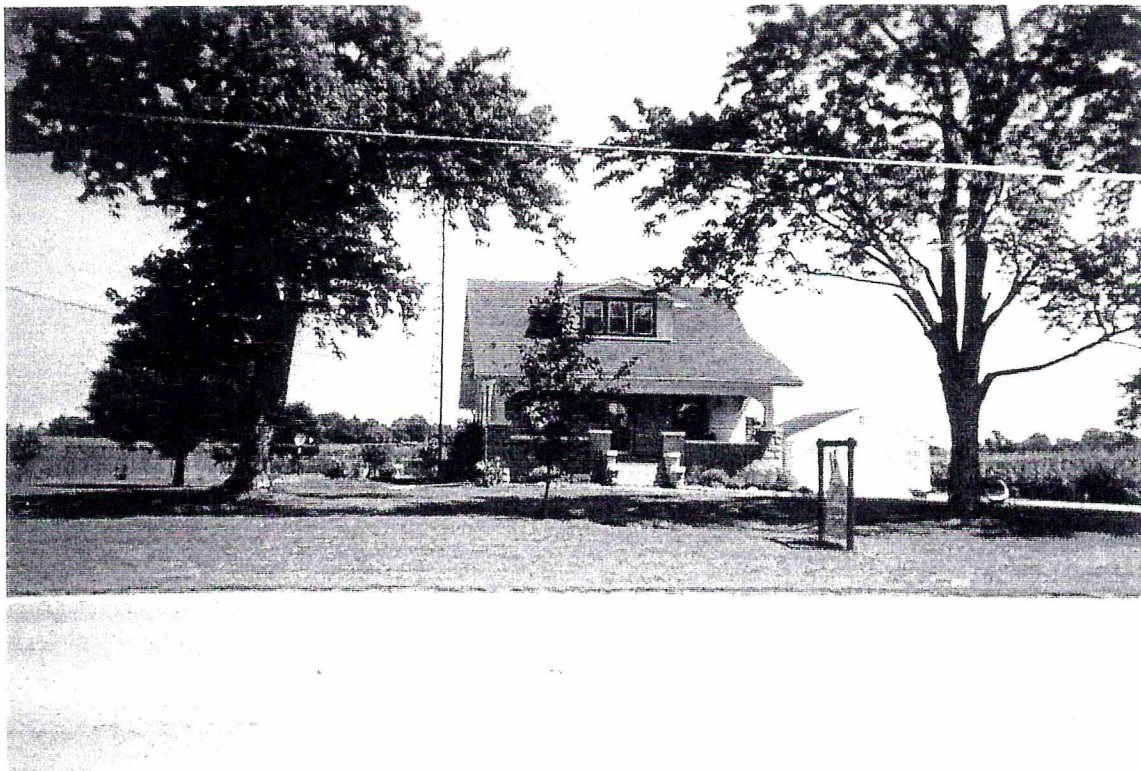
On one of my early treks, to get Roebuck to come help my dad, he said he would go but had to eat breakfast first. He picked up an old black pan and took it with him to the "bottom" where his cows were in the pasture. He was very kind to his cows and they trusted him. He had a pole like corral. He went into the corral and began to call the cows. Several of them came to the corral and went in where he was. He shut the gate and went to a near-by tree where a gunnysack was hung. He had it hung in the tree to keep out the wild varmints. He reached in the sack and took out a loaf of bread, which was very green with mold. He had gotten the bread from Aunt Mary Giacomo who baked bread for him. She made big beautiful loaves and sold them to him for ten cents a loaf. He broke the bread in the pan and cornered one of the cows. He began milking the cow onto the bread without straining the milk, of course. Hair from the cow's udder fell in the pan on the milk and bread. He sat on a stump and began eating. He had no spoon, but ate it with his fingers. That was his breakfast.

He makes Win-e-ker (vinegar)

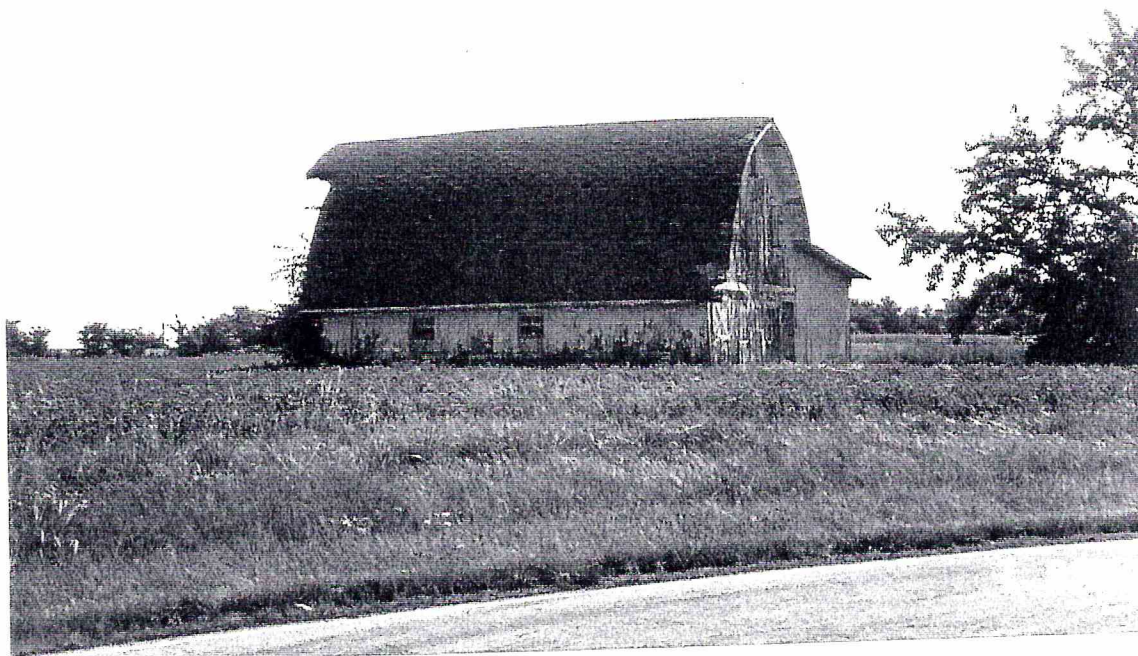
One day on the way back from my Aunt Rose Kelly's I saw Roebuck down by the creek. He had a box of ripe tomatoes and a few (not so clean) quart jars. He asked me to help him make win-e-ker. He cut the tomatoes into chunks and put them in the jars. He dipped water from the creek and covered the tomatoes. He did not cook them nor salt them, but he said that they would make good win-e-ker, which was nothing more than spoiled tomatoes.

He would also make vinegar using dewberries, making it the same way.

Often when he made soup, he put a quart of this "vinegar" in the soup.



Dewey Teffertiller built this Sears and Roebuck House. It is located west of Mulkeytown on Rt. 14



The Frassato family built this Sears and Roebuck Barn. It is located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of Swanwick, IL on the north side of the road.

He Brings Me a Pet

On a cold rainy spring morning Roebuck knocked on our door. There he stood with a little lamb draped over his arm. The lamb looked like it was going to die, but my mother fixed it a warm bottle of milk and it drank greedily. Soon the lamb was warm and full and began to follow me around the kitchen. We kept him in the house in a box behind the kitchen stove. I named him Willie Mutton. He gave me the lamb because its mother had abandoned it.

Often when Roebuck came, he would get down on his hands and knees and butt heads with Willie Mutton.

Willie grew fast and grew into a large sheep. He became quite a pest. He loved to steal corn from the chickens and hogs or wherever he could find grain.

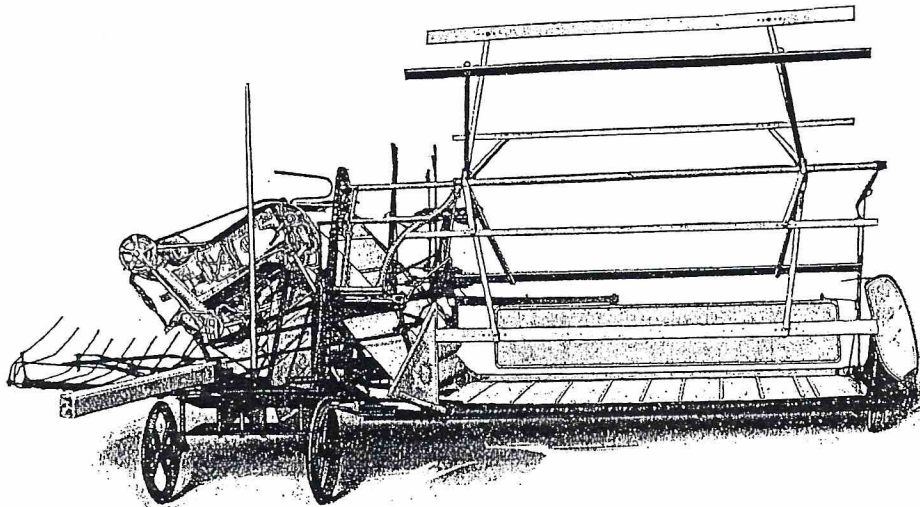
Willie and I became pals and of an evening, when I came home from school, he would meet me at the pasture gate. He would be eating somewhere near the gate, and when he heard me coming, he would come bounding toward me.

My mother raised geese and Willie became good friends with them too. During the day, he would follow the geese wherever they went. One day they found my mother's truck patch. She had green pole beans that almost reached the top of the pole. The geese ate as far up as they could reach and Willie Mutton stood on his hind legs and finished the beans, so there were no green beans to can that year.

That day when I came home from school, my mother was really mad. She said, "That pesky sheep just has to go." Little did I dream that it would be so soon. But the next day when I came home from school, Willie Mutton was not at the gate to meet me. I asked my dad if he had seen him. He said that when Mr. Young came to take the calves to market that he put the sheep on the truck and sent him also.

I cried and cried because I missed him so much. I still think it was a dirty trick for selling him that way. I thought the least I could get from him was the money he brought on the market. I received nothing.

McCormick Improved Grain Binders



Illust. 2—McCormick Improved grain binder. The eight-foot cut is regularly equipped with auto tongue truck and outside reel support.

A Long Record

The McCormick Improved grain binder is a direct outgrowth of the first reaper, invented by Cyrus Hall McCormick in 1831. For nearly a century McCormick harvesting machines have harvested the world's greatest grain crops. McCormick Improved binders have steadily grown in popularity, until now there are more than 2,000,000 in use in the grain growing countries of the world—a record that makes McCormick a household name.

Brief Description

A Z-shaped steel sill supports the cutting knife. The reel is adjustable both up and down and forward and backward. An adjustment is provided to keep the reel running parallel with the cutter bar. The knife is quickly and easily removed. The steel platform is well braced. The elevator floats ($1\frac{1}{2}$ ") at all four corners. The open elevator handles tall grain. The elevator is held square by strong braces. The platform canvas and both elevator canvases have quick-acting tightening devices. The binding attachment can be quickly shifted to tie the band from 10 to 24 inches from the butts. The trip hook is provided with a compression spring which relieves it of unusual strain. The working parts of the binding attachment are readily accessible. The binder drive clutch is open and accessible. The knotter is simple. Has two moving parts. The packers and the butt adjusters run at the same speed, thus insuring square butt bundles.

Twine tension is easily adjusted. The needle is made of high grade malleable iron, amply strong to give the greatest amount of service. All control levers are easily reached from the operator's seat.

The use of roller bearings helps to make the McCormick Improved binder light running.

Bundle carrier is made of strong, spring steel rods. The main frame is made of heavy steel bars thoroughly trussed and braced.

The strong drive chain is made of high grade malleable iron.

Drive sprocket is attached to hub of main wheel.

Regular Equipment

Bundle carrier
Platform and elevator canvases
Neck yoke and evener
Outside reel support on 7 and 8-foot binder
Tongue truck on 8-foot binder
Retarding strap
Tools

Extra Equipment

Outside reel support for 6-foot cut
Tongue truck on 6 and 7-foot
Transport trucks
Grain lifters. See Illust. 21
Supplemental outside divider
Flax buncher
Header attachment
Cane or sorghum attachment
Canvas butt adjuster
Tractor Hitches—See Index

MCCORMICK IMPROVED BINDER SPECIFICATIONS

WIDTH OF CUT	No. OF HORSES	MAIN WHEEL		GRAIN WHEEL		SHIPPING WEIGHT (REG. EQUIPMENT)
		HEIGHT	WIDTH FACE	HEIGHT	WIDTH FACE	
6 ft.	3	35 in.	9 in.	26 in.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	1565 lbs.
7 ft.	4	35 in.	9 in.	26 in.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	1660 lbs.
8 ft.	4	35 in.	10 in.	26 in.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	1850 lbs.

Another Pet

Another time Roebuck came to the house. He had five turkey eggs in his pocket. He said that he didn't have anything to set the eggs under. So he gave me the eggs.

We had several setting hens and I set the eggs under one of them. I was so excited. I think I looked under the old hen every day. One day when I looked, I saw this cute little turkey. It was the only one to hatch. I pampered it and took care of it. He grew rapidly and when he was big enough to tell it was a male, I named him Tom Turk.

He came to a sad ending too. Our neighbor raised turkeys and one day her gobbler got killed on the road. Since she had no gobbler now, my dad gave her mine.

I was a little older then and was mad as could be, but it did no good. I missed Tom Truk strutting and gobbling very much.

Our Last Walk Together

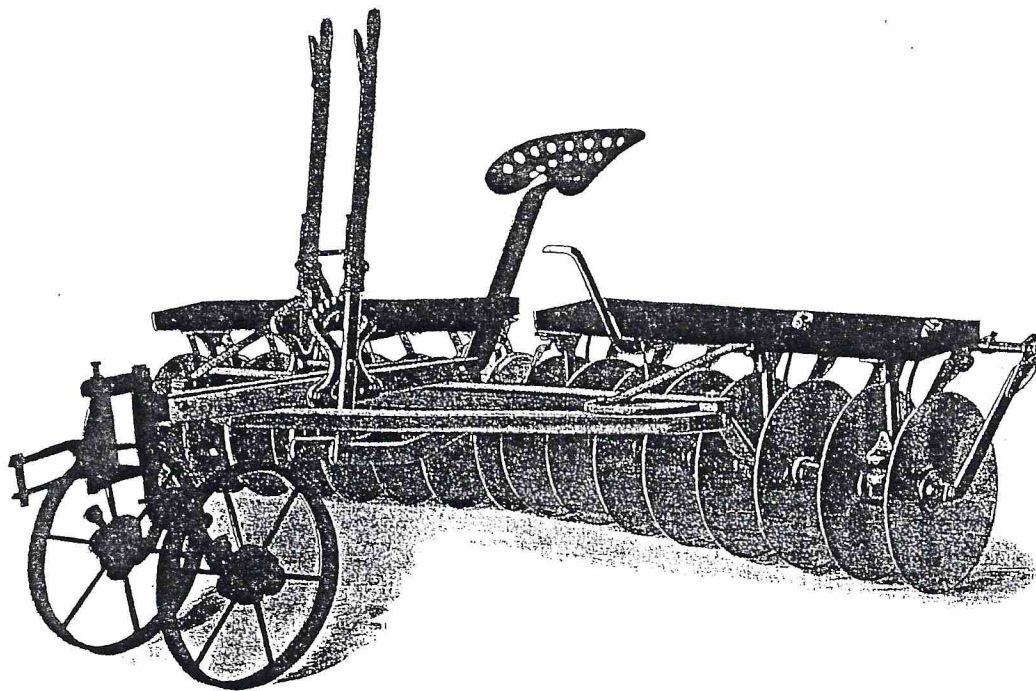
When I was 14, Dad sold the little farm where I was raised and bought another small farm about 5 miles away. That move was in 1941.

My dad died in 1945. That's the year I graduated from high school. I knew my plans for going to college were shattered. I was fortunate enough to be hired to teach the little one room school where I had attended for eight years. I was barely eighteen years old when I started teaching at Wylie.

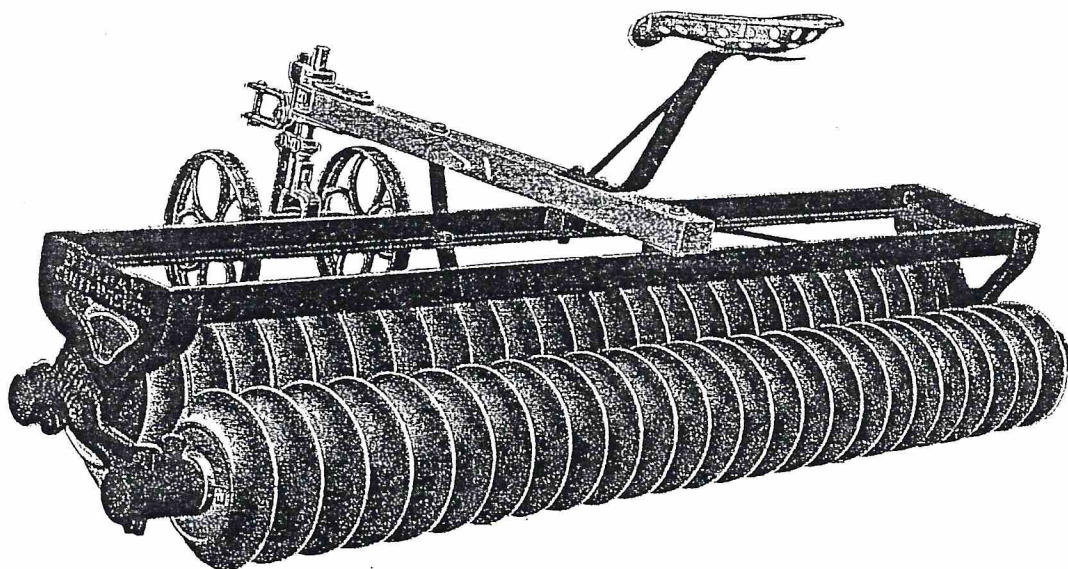
After Dad passed away, Mom sold the little farm and moved to Winkle. I stayed behind and boarded at a neighbor's home.

The only transportation I had to get to school was to ride a mule named Fannie. One evening on the way home from school, I saw Roebuck walking along the road. We soon caught up with him and I got off Fannie and led her and Roebuck and I walked along talking. He did most of the talking and I did most of the listening. When he got started, he was quite a talker.

I always enjoyed his humorous sayings. We walked along until we came to his turn-off. He turned the corner and I got on Fannie and went home. To my memory, I never saw him again.



Illust. 4-A—McCormick-Deering 8-foot disk harrow.



Illust. 5-A—The No. 56 Dunham Culti-Packer, now manufactured by the International Harvester Company.

Great Uncle Charlie "Roebuck"

Remembered by Lance Feik

Theodore Feik was Lance Feik's grandfather, Billie Feik was Lance's father. The Feik family farm lay northwest of Mueller Hill Cemetery. As Charlie was the youngest of the family they never gave him a name. He chose his own name as he grew up. His choices were Carl or Charlie -- he wound up as Charlie Feik.

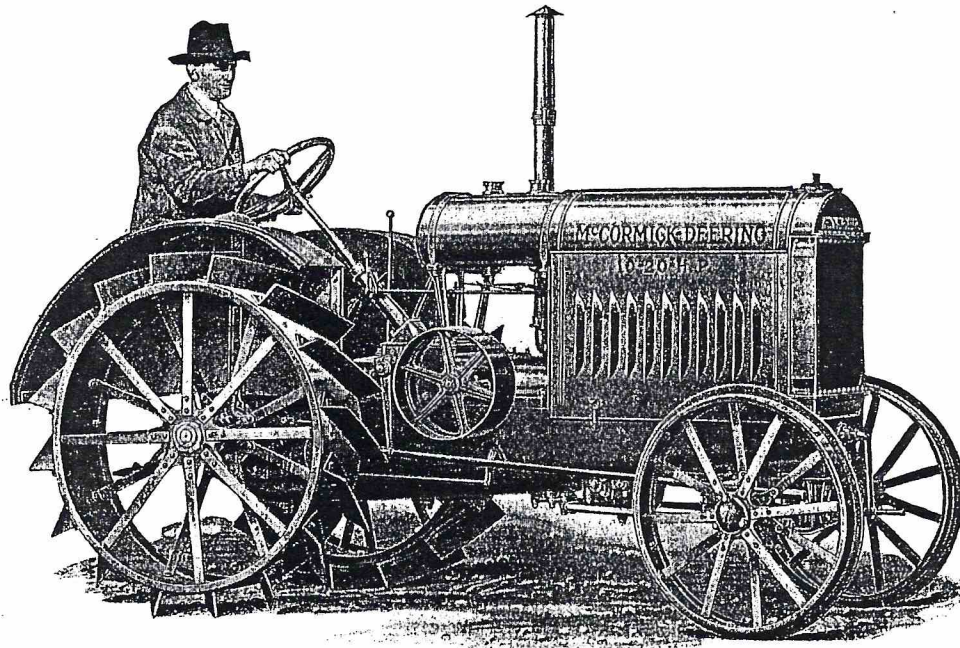
Caroline's mother died when she was eleven years old and Charlie was 2 years old. She then accepted the role as family mother and cared for the family. As her father got older he moved in with Caroline and her husband (Frank Clark) and died there.

One year Roebuck bought an old 10-20 International Tractor owned by Elmer Keene. Roebuck arranged for someone to haul it for him. They couldn't get the tractor started, so in order to load it Roebuck put it in gear, then cranked it by hand -- inches at a time -- until it was loaded. Talk about ingenuity.

Someone had a horse to die. Roebuck was always looking for a way to make an extra dollar, so the owner of the dead horse offered Roebuck a fee to dig a hole big enough to bury the horse. It would take a large hole to bury a horse if you dug it square. Roebuck had the horse dragged to the spot where it was to be buried. He dug a trench the length and width of the horse's body. He dug slots for the front and rear legs as well as the head. He then rolled the horse's body into the trench, put the legs and head in the slots and covered the horse with dirt. Roebuck may never have had an education, but he was a lot smarter than people gave him credit for.

Sheriff O'Keefe of Perry County once arrested Roebuck and put him in jail for vagrancy. While in jail the prisoners there decided to hold a Kangaroo Court and fine Roebuck. Roebuck backed into a corner and said, "Here I am. Who is going to be the first one I am going to hurt." No one came and Kangaroo Court was dismissed.

McCormick-Deering Tractors



Illust. 1—McCormick-Deering 10-20 H. P. tractor pulls two plows under average soil conditions.

Experienced Built

In designing and building the McCormick-Deering 10-20 and 15-30 the Harvester Company has endeavored to produce tractors which will give the maximum service and economy in operation. The practical experience with tractors in the field under every possible condition for the past eighteen years has resulted in the present modern design which meets the maximum number of power requirements on the farm.

The practical design, ease of handling and convenience of operation, coupled with the increased speed, gives McCormick-Deering tractor owners an ideal two-plow or three-plow power. The McCormick-Deering 10-20 or 15-30 develops a surplus of power for doing the maximum number of belt jobs such as threshing, silo filling, husking and shredding, etc., and yet their design, flexibility of operation and speed make them leaders for drawbar work on the farm, road building and maintenance and hauling.

Engine

McCormick-Deering tractors are equipped with vertical four-cylinder, valve-in-head engines. These engines operate economically and satisfactorily on kerosene (coal oil) and other low-priced fuels. They have long, close-fitting pistons and each piston has four compression rings. The engine crankshaft has two heavy duty ball bearings.

Cylinders

Each cylinder is cast separately and fitted into the engine block. These cylinders may be easily replaced in case they become scored or worn (see Illust. 4).

Ignition

High tension magnetos supply current for the jump spark ignition. The magnetos are equipped with impulse starters, and the engines start and run on the magnetos. No batteries are needed.

SPECIFICATIONS—

McCORMICK-DEERING 10-20

Drawbar.....	10 h.p.
Belt.....	20 h.p.
Forward speeds.....	2—3—4 m.p.h.
Rev. speed.....	2¾ m.p.h.
Engine speed.....	1000 r.p.m.
Bore.....	4¼ in.
Stroke.....	5 in.
Pulley speed.....	645 r.p.m.
Belt speed.....	2575 ft. p.m.
Power take off shaft speed.....	540 r.p.m.
Pulley diam.....	15¼ in.
Pulley face.....	7 in.
Front wheel diam.....	30 in.
Front wheel face.....	41½ in.
Tread, front.....	45½ in.
Drive wheel, diam.....	42 in.
Drive wheel, face.....	12 in.
Tread, rear.....	48 in.
Wheelbase.....	78 in.
Length (over all).....	123 in.
Width (over all).....	60 in.
Total height—steering wheel.....	62 in.
Total height—radiator.....	57 in.
Turning radius.....	15 ft.
Kerosene tank.....	14½ gals.
Gas tank.....	¾ gal.
Gear ratio (high).....	29¼ to 1
Drawbar adj.....	vert., 11 to 18 in.
Platform.....	30 x 44¾ in.
Approx. shipping wt.....	3700 lbs.
Export, approx.....	4500 lbs.
Export, approx.....	170 cu. ft.

When Fredrick Feik came to America, he could only speak German. As the family grew, none of the children could speak English. When they became school age, Mr. Feik would send them to school. But the student body would make fun of his kids because they couldn't speak English. In order to avoid being made fun of, his kids would go hide in the woods all day, not knowing the time, they would come out of the woods to see if school was out -- so they could go home. Once in a while they came out too early. The students would chase them back into the woods.

The Family of Charles "Roebuck" Feik

Fredrick Feik
Father

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Philopena Yung
Mother

Children:

Frederick Jr.
Died 1900

son George

Theodore
Died 1929

Billie Feik
Caroline Gass

Daniel
Died 1948

Edith Feik
Nina Yung

Pete

Henry
John Wesslin's mother

David
Died 1888

Daughters

Caroline Feik Clark
Died 4-4-56

Emma Feik Matzenbacher
Died 6-3-07

Charles "Roebuck" Feik - died 1963

Great Uncle Charlie Remembered by John Wesslin

I received a lot of information from John Wesslin. He told me that his mother was the daughter of Pete Feik (Roebuck's brother). Roebuck had 3 other brothers named Theodore, Dan and he couldn't recall the last one's name. Roebuck also had a sister named Caroline who married Frank Clark.

John said Roebuck came to their home one winter day and was wearing a new sheep skin coat that he had ordered from Sears & Roebuck. He was so proud of that coat that he insisted John's father order himself one. John thought that was why they called him Roebuck. He hadn't heard of the Women's coat Roebuck had ordered thinking that the model came with it.

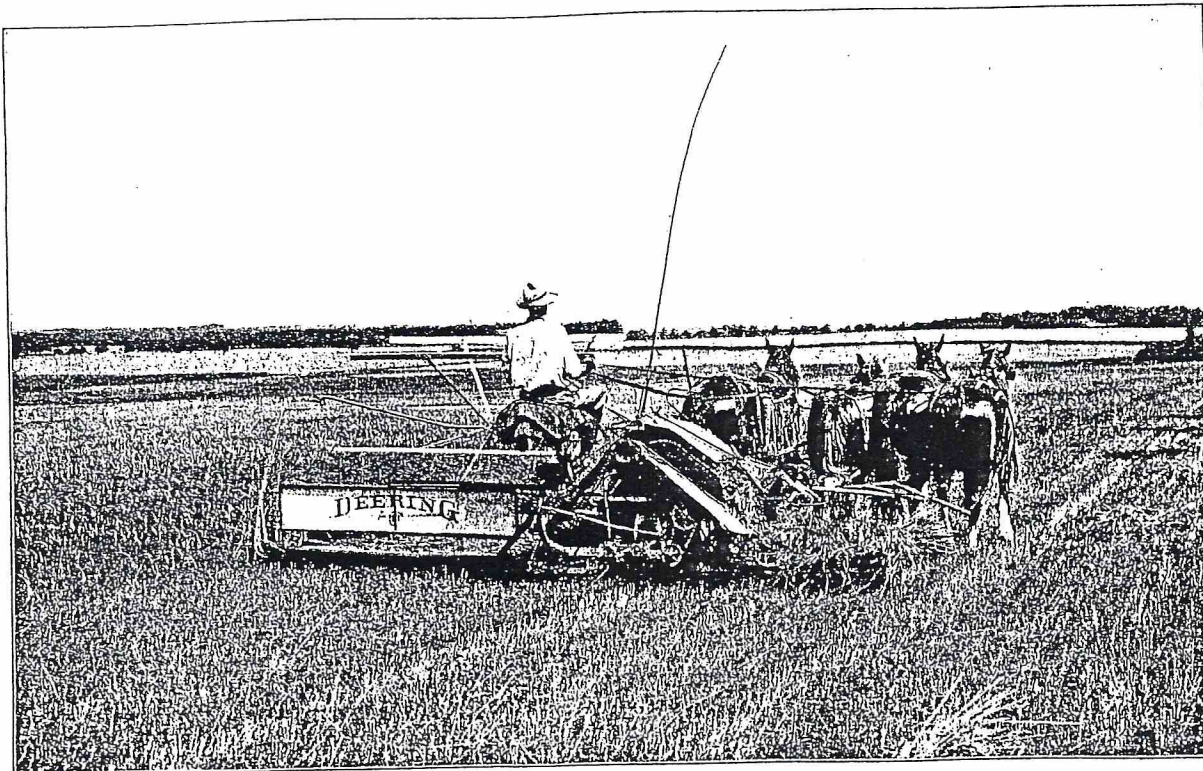
When Roebuck thought he had found gold on his farm, he made the remark that if he struck it rich maybe Carrie Martin (Bruns) might marry him.

One day Roebuck came to the John Wesslin Farm and asked about buying some baled hay off John. John said, "I don't have any baled hay as we chop all our hay now." Roebuck said, "You have at least a hundred bales in your barn right now." John said when they had chopped the hay, they had blown it over the bales and covered them up. He wondered how Roebuck had located those bales. I said, "He probably slept in your barn several times without your knowing it." Anyway Roebuck wound up buying the hay.

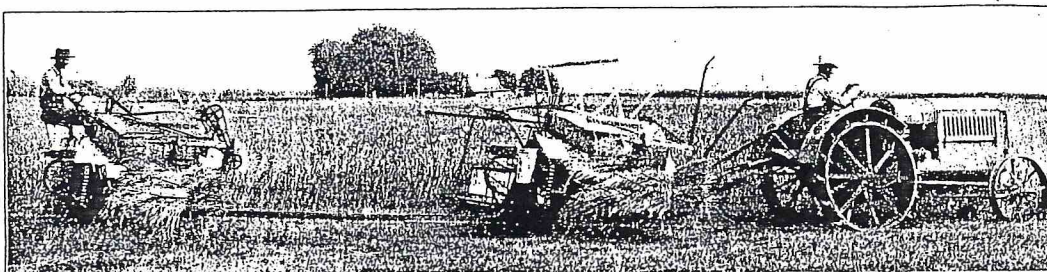
One day while John was in town he ran into Roebuck, who was trying to buy several old kitchen cook stoves. He wanted them to use in melting the gold out of his rocks.

One day later Roebuck had someone to call John Wesslin. He wanted John to get Billie Feik and come out to his farm because he thought he was going to die. He wanted John and Billy to share his cattle. He said he had eaten some sausage, skin and all. Well, what he thought was casing was plastic and it didn't set well with him. When they went out the next day and asked how he felt, he said, "I'm a lot better today, so I'll just keep the cattle."

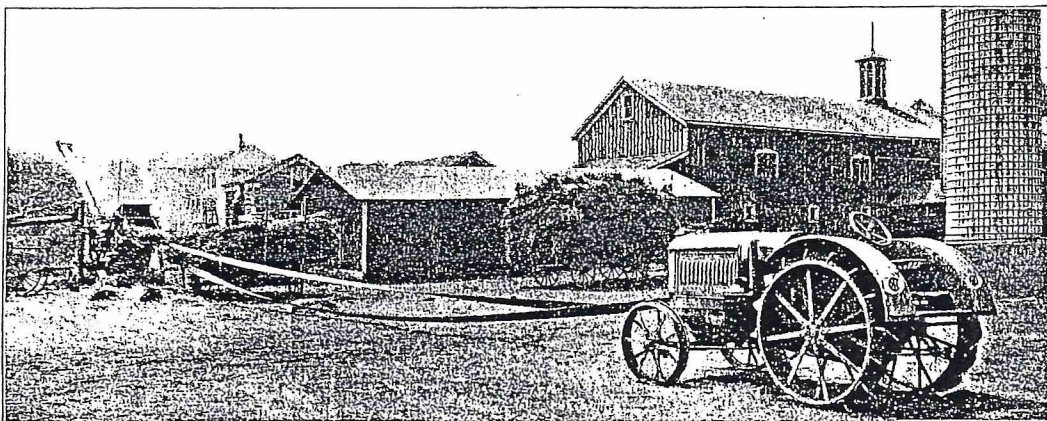
John Swetzler was a livestock buyer who lived in Pinckneyville. One day he saw Roebuck and asked if he had any livestock for sale. Roebuck had gotten a whole bunch of old iron parts and needed a ride home for him and his iron. He told Swetzler he had an old cow that he would sell. So they loaded the junk in his truck and they went to Roebuck's place. After they had unloaded all of Roebuck's iron, he told Swetzler he had second thoughts about the old cow as she was one of his favorites and decided he wouldn't sell her.



Illust. 2—Every bundle is perfectly tied, and there is no waste when a Deering binder is used.



Illust. 2—Harvesting 50 to 60 acres a day. Hot harvest weather doesn't stop a McCormick-Deering kerosene tractor.



Illust. 3—The throttle governors on McCormick-Deering tractors regulate the fuel to the load and keep the speed uniform, which is essential for belt work.

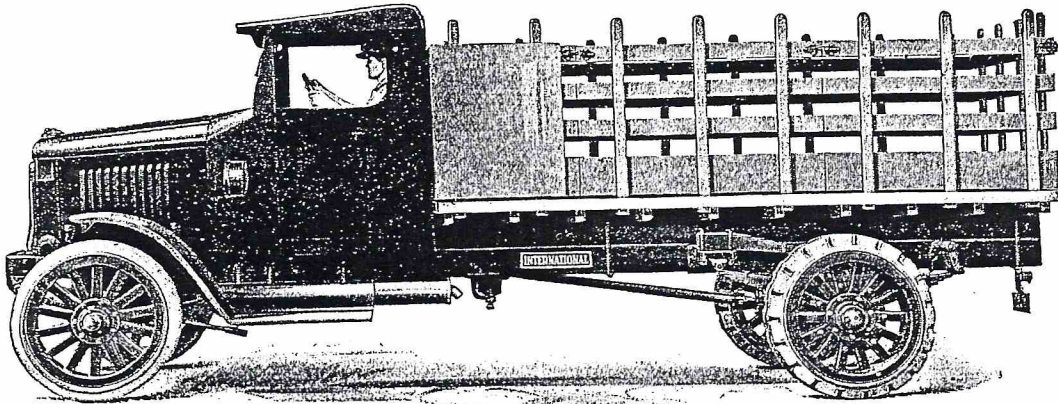
Roebuck Remembered by Herschel Jenkel

No one seemed to know if Roebuck had ever gone to school. He was raised in the Brushmier School District where my cousins Howard, Florence, Paul and Bill Kelly went to school. Charlie Young, a neighbor, would loan money to Roebuck until he was indebted to Mr. Young the value of his whole farm. In those days land was of little value as my grandfather, John Giacomo, bought his farm for \$1.25 per acre. Herschel Jenkel was of the opinion that Charley Young had finally written off Roebuck's farm and gave it all back to him.

One year Roebuck was helping his family cut wheat with a binder. For some reason the horses ran off with the binder. Roebuck had tried to stop the runaways and had got his leg pinned to a tree by a grain divider, the long point that divides the standing wheat being cut. The point had gone through the calf of his leg and was stuck in a tree. After he was removed, he hobbled around for some time but fully recovered.

To give you some idea of how people handled health problems in those days, here is what happened to me when I was 8 years old and living on Grandpa's farm. I had a favorite walnut tree I used to climb and play in. It was east of the house about 150 yards. On this particular day I had played for some time and was ready to go back to the house. Being barefooted, all kids went barefooted at that time because shoes cost money, something we didn't have. I decided to jump down out of the tree, about 7 foot down. I jumped and there was a piece of 2x4 wood with a 20 penny spike nail driven through it and the nail pointing up. My left foot landed on top of that nail and it came through my foot about 1 inch behind my 3rd and 4th toes. Looking down I could see the big nail sticking through my foot. I screamed like a panther and my mother came to see what was wrong. When she saw the nail in my foot she almost fainted. She ran to the house and got my dad. He came over, calmly put his feet on either side of my foot and pulled my foot off the nail. Then they took me to the house and the ordeal started all over again. They poured turpentine (turpentine and kerosene were the mainstay of medicine in those days) in the hole where the nail had been. Then took a cloth with a probe and worked it up and down where the nail made the hole. Then Mom wrapped a bandage around my foot and I was as good as new. We didn't even know what a tetanus shot was.

International Motor Trucks



Illust. 1—Model 63—International Motor Truck with panel stake body and three-quarter enclosed cab.

SPECIFICATIONS

Maximum Capacity—6,000 pounds.

Wheelbase—140-in. regular; 165-in. special.

Frame—Pressed steel channel, 7 in. deep, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick, 8 cross members, two braces at rear.

Engine—4-cylinder block cast, valve-in-head type with removable cylinders; $4\frac{1}{4}$ -in. bore, 5-in. stroke, 3 point suspension on main frame, valve mechanism all enclosed.

Bearings—The crankshaft bearings are single row ball bearings of ample capacity. Front bearing $2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. bore, $5\frac{11}{16}$ -in. outside diameter, $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. wide. Rear bearing $3\frac{1}{4}$ -in. bore, $6\frac{1}{2}$ -in. outside diameter, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wide. Connecting rod bearings are $2\frac{5}{8}$ -in. diameter and $2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. long, bronze-backed babbitt-lined at large end, phosphor-bronze at small end. Camshaft has large size bronze-backed babbitt-lined bushings.

Lubrication—Combination force feed and splash. Forced lubrication by pump to main bearings with overflow troughs in crankcase, making splash system to cylinders and crankshaft.

Ignition—Robert Bosch high tension magneto on right hand side of engine, readily accessible.

Cooling—Thermo-siphon type; large finned-tube radiator with auxiliary tank.

Governor—Fly-ball, centrifugal type with speed set to 16 miles per hour when equipped with solid tires and standard gear ratio.

Clutch—Dry plate multiple disk; compressed wire-woven lined.

Transmission—Sliding gear selective type, unit power plant construction, four speeds forward and reverse, direct on fourth.

Axles—Front axle, I-beam, heat-treated steel drop-forging. Rear axle, International internal gear type, solid heat-treated steel drop-forging carrying member and live axle for transmitting power. Large size ball bearings used throughout rear axle and rear wheels.

Internal Gear Drive—Power transmitted through differential and driving shafts to pinions meshing with internal gear on each rear wheel.

Control—Left-hand drive, spark and throttle levers on steering wheel, foot accelerator, service brake and clutch operated by foot pedals. Gear change and emergency brake levers located in center of driving compartment.

Steering Gear—Worm and wheel type with post carrying steering wheel set at a 30° angle and connecting shaft vertical giving maximum foot clearance and comfort for the driver.

Brakes—Service brake on propeller shaft, external contracting. Emergency brake is internal expanding self-adjusting type on rear wheels.

Springs—Half-elliptic, front, $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $41\frac{1}{8}$ in.; rear, 3 by 56 in.; with rear auxiliary springs.

Wheels—Artillery type, 36-in. diameter regularly equipped with 5-in. front and 8-in. rear pressed-on type solid tires.

Gasoline—Capacity, 18 gal. Tank on dash.

Regular Equipment—Front fenders, electric head lights and tail lamp, battery, generator, horn and tools.

Special Equipment—The following can be furnished at additional cost: Open express body. Chain stake body. Panel stake body. Front section and seat. Open cab. Semi-enclosed cab. Three-quarter enclosed cab. Enclosed cab. Full length top. Front, side and rear curtains for full-length top. Skid chains. Windshield. Speedometer attached to transmission. Hubometer. Pneumatic tires, 36 by 6 front; 40 by 8 rear. Oversize solid tires rear, 36 by 10 tractor type, or 36 by 5 dual. Power take-off and power tire pump, which can be mounted on side of transmission case. Combined magneto and battery ignition (dual). Battery ignition without magneto. Electric starting outfit. Prest-O-Lite gas tank and lights in place of electric lighting.

Built in 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, 6,000 and 10,000-pound maximum capacities.

Roebuck used to drive a team and wagon to Pinckneyville when he first started farming. Late one evening, just before dark he was stopped by a patrolman for not having a light on the back of his wagon. The patrolman insisted that he would take him to jail. So Roebuck tied his team up and got in the patrol car and was taken before a judge. The judge assessed him a small penalty (say \$10) or he would be jailed and serve his sentence at \$.50 per day. That means if he was sentenced to 10 days in jail he had to serve 20 days jail time. He chose to go to jail. The patrolman was not aware the Roebuck team tied up at the place of arrest had to be taken care of. So the next day, the law had to send someone to bring Roebuck's team home, unhitch them, unharness them and turn them in the pasture to graze.

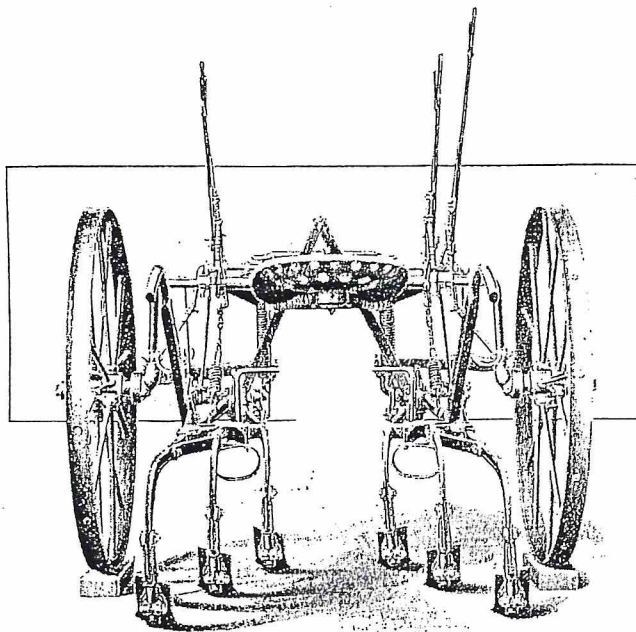
In mean time Roebuck was lodged in jail. There were 3 or 4 "toughies" in jail at the time. They thought they would put Roebuck through Kangaroo Court and rough him up. It didn't take Roebuck but a few minutes to let the "roughies" know he knew how to play hardball and they backed off to avoid taking a further beating. Roebuck had the strength of 2 average men.

But, Roebuck enjoyed his stay in jail. He said the food was better than he could get a home, was plentiful and his bed was far better than he was accustomed to.

One day Herschel Jenkel said he went to Roebuck's. As he arrived he saw Roebuck come out of his hog house. A hog house was a small building usually about 8 foot by 10 foot with an opening just high enough for a large hog to enter. As Roebuck came up to Herschel he asked what were you doing in the hog house. Roebuck said, "Well the nights are getting colder and I wait until the hogs have bedded down for the night; then I slip in there and lay down by them and it is warm and comfortable--but those hog's lice get on me and they are bad."

I remember as a small boy my mom and dad would go to see my great Uncle Peter whose farm joined on the east half. His youngest boy Jimmie would feed the hogs ear corn and we just loved to watch them eat. Jimmie showed me how to sneak up on a hog while it was eating and then jump astraddle of the hog and get a wild ride. I decided to give it a try as it looked like fun. I sneaked up on a big hog, jumped astraddle of him and he took off straight for the hog house. As he went through the door, I was knocked off his back and wound up with a busted lip and 2 black eyes. That was the end of my hog riding.

McCormick-Deering Victor Cultivators—Style YB



Illust. 12—Victor Cultivator with No. 21 gangs.

Long Frame

The McCormick-Deering Victor has a long frame which gives the cultivator perfect balance and permits the gangs to do all of their work inside the wheels—outside shovels do not extend beyond the wheels when working in badly checked corn. The axles curve upward and telescope inside the arch tubing, providing for different widths of wheel tread. A low hitch is used, with the pull direct from the gangs. High clearance in the center gives the operator a clear view of the row.

Control

Each gang is provided with an individual lift lever working on a saw-toothed quadrant which provides a very fine adjustment of depth and penetration. Seat may be moved backward or forward along the rail for different leg lengths, the special balance lever providing ample balance adjustment for any weight of driver. Seat may also be raised or lowered to suit the operator. Adjustable tension springs counterbalance the weight of the gangs.

Foot Lift Gangs

The Victor gangs are provided with a foot lift device enabling the operator to raise them to clear trash without disturbing the control levers. Handles are supplied for each gang which the driver may use to assist in hill dodging or the seat may be folded over and the Victor used as a walking cultivator. All gangs are equipped with improved cone couplings which are adjustable to take up wear. The gangs may be set up or down on the cone pivots to level them for different cultivating depths, and they may be moved in or out at the front ends to correspond with different distances of the shovels from the row.

Regular Equipment

Any of the standard McCormick-Deering gangs, those shown in the accompanying table being the most popular.

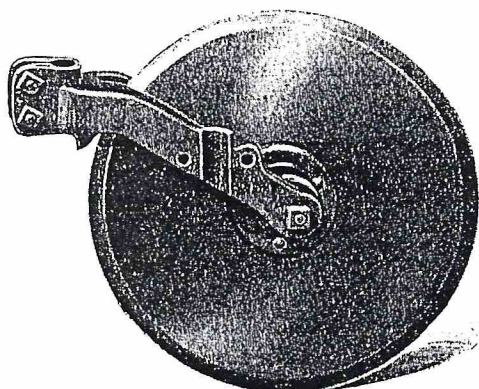
Neck yoke. Concave tire wheels.

Special Equipment

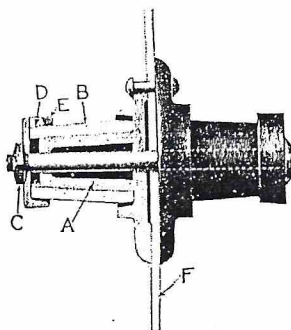
Rotary shields. Spear point shovels.
No. 8 jockey arch.

No.	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT
YB 203	Parallel pipe beam, 4-shovel, slotted shank, pin break.	445 lbs.
YB 213	Parallel pipe beam, 4-shovel, slotted shank, spring trip.	416 lbs.
YB 220	Adjustable pipe beam, 4-shovel, slotted shank, spring trip.	452 lbs.
YB 21	Steel beam, 6-shovel, round shank, pin break.	420 lbs.
YB 31	Steel beam, 6-shovel, round shank, spring trip.	465 lbs.
YB 221	Steel beam, 6-shovel, slotted shank, pin break.	420 lbs.
YB 231	Steel beam, 6-shovel, slotted shank, spring trip.	465 lbs.
YB 205	Steel beam, 4-shovel, slotted shank, pin break.	410 lbs.
YB 215	Steel beam, 4-shovel, slotted shank, spring trip.	435 lbs.

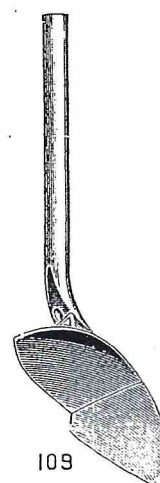
Rolling Coulters and Jointers for McCormick-Deering P & O Plows



Illust. 43—McCormick-Deering P & O rolling coulters. Notice that the yoke is adapted to receive the shank of a No. 21 or 28 jointer, to convert the coulters to a combined coulters and jointer. This coulters has conical bearing which permits taking up any looseness caused by wear. Another notable feature is the bearing sleeve which covers the hub. As shown in Illust. 44, it does not revolve with the coulters, and this prevents trash from winding about the hub.



Illust. 44—Cross section through the coulters bearing. "A" is the conical hub, "B" is the stationary hub sleeve, held from turning by the lug "D," bearing against the part "E" of the yoke. Looseness, due to long wear, can easily be taken up by tightening the nut "C." "F" is a portion of the coulters blade.



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Illust. 45 — Jointer. The Nos. in the following table (except 21 and 28) cover this type of jointer, with the necessary shanks and clamps to attach to plows as listed.

ROLLING COULTERS

No.	DIAMETER	WEIGHT	USED ON
PORC 6	13-inch	19 lbs.	Regular on Prairie Breaker
PORC 15	13-inch	13 lbs.	Regular on No. 9 and Two-Way plows and all wheeled listers except Wheatland. Special on Wheatland listers
PORC 16	15-inch	32½ lbs.	Regular on Mogul tractor plows
PORC 17	13-inch	21 lbs.	Special on Tip-Top cotton planters
PORC 20	13-inch	19 lbs.	Regular right hand for riding beet pullers
PORC 21	13-inch	19 lbs.	Regular left hand for riding beet pullers
PORC 34*	15-inch	19 lbs.	Regular on Diamond and Success, and No. 5 walking gang
PORC 35*	15-inch	21 lbs.	Regular on heavy beam and 3-furrow Diamond
PORC 36	13-inch	25 lbs.	Special on POG, POH, Blackland and Sugarland walking plows
PORC 37	18-inch	25 lbs.	Special on Nos. 3 and 5 Little Genius and H. B. Diamond
PORC 44	18-inch	23 lbs.	Regular on Nos. 10 and 11 Rice sulky and gang
PORC 50	13-inch	20 lbs.	Special on walking beet puller, right hand coulters
PORC 53	13-inch	20 lbs.	Special on walking beet puller, left hand coulters
PORC 54	13-inch	21 lbs.	Special on Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Wheatland listers
PORC 56*	14-inch	17 lbs.	Regular on Little Chief, right hand
PORC 58*	14-inch	17 lbs.	Regular on Little Chief, left hand

*POJT 21 converts PORC 34 to PORC 32 combined coulters and jointer, and PORC 35 to PORC 33. POJT 28 converts PORC 56 to PORC 55, and PORC 58 to PORC 57.

JOINTERS

No. STEEL	No. CHILLED	WEIGHT	USED ON
POJT 8	POJT 208	18 lbs.	Front beam, No. 2 Diamond gang
POJT 9	POJT 209	20 lbs.	First beam, Little Genius, 12 and 14 inch. Rear beam, Diamond gang, two-furrow
POJT 10	POJT 210	19 lbs.	Diamond sulky, Nos. 5 and 6 Success sulkies
POJT 11	POJT 211	18 lbs.	No. 5 walking gang, front beam on two and three-furrow, and middle beam on three-furrow
POJT 12	POJT 212	16 lbs.	No. 5 walking gang, rear beam
POJT 17	POJT 217	19 lbs.	Second, third and fourth beams on Little Genius tractor plows, 12 and 14-inch
POJT 18	POJT 218	17 lbs.	Right hand walking plows, No. 9 sulky and right beam on Two-Way Success
POJT 118	POJT 318	17 lbs.	Left hand walking plows, and left hand beam on Two-Way Success
POJT 21		9 lbs.	Converts rolling coulters PORC 34 to combined coulters and jointers PORC 32, 35 to 33
POJT 24		20 lbs.	Little Genius, 10-inch, front beam
POJT 25		19 lbs.	Little Genius, 10-inch, 2nd, 3rd and 4th beams
POJT 26	POJT 226	17 lbs.	Little Wonder tractor plow, front beam
POJT 27	POJT 227	19 lbs.	Little Wonder tractor plow, rear beam
POJT 28		9 lbs.	Converts rolling coulters PORC 56 to combination coulters and jointers PORC 55, or PORC 58 to PORC 57
.....	SAJT 155	21 lbs.	Little Chief sulky plow, right hand

Herschel Jenkel said one day Roebuck had been to a sale and came by his place carrying a walking plow. He had taken the coulter off and was carrying the plow on his shoulder with the plow beam hanging down in front of him. The point of the plow share had eat into Roebuck's flesh as he was bleeding badly and blood ran down his clothes. Roebuck didn't seem to notice the plow had injured his back as he carried the plow. The coulter is a round straight edged blade that is mounted vertically on the plow beam. Its purpose is to cut or slice the soil that the plow turns over making a straight edge on the furrow wall.

Cave

The cave or hole in the ground that was Roebuck's last home was built just east of his old home place. It was on the east sloping hill. He had cut and sold all the nice white oaks on his farm. He sold to a stave mill that was located just west of Pinckneyville on the state road to Sparta, Illinois. The portions of logs that had limbs attached were cut in short blocks and discarded, as they were not used in making barrel staves. As the dirt was dug out of the hole, it was piled on the bank behind it. Then when the blocks were placed in the excavation, the dirt would then be returned to the excavation around the back wall.

He then dug huge holes in the ground for the posts to support the roof. "Dutch" Ferrero said he took his tractor over to Roebuck's and drug all the posts and timbers to construct the home.

Angel Ruffino had just been discharged by the Army after serving in World War II. He then purchased a Ford tractor with all the tools to farm with. He also got a front-end loader with it. This was what he used to put the huge posts in the holes for Roebuck. They then put the timbers from post to post and topped them off with cross-timbers. Then metal roofing of his old farm building was laid in layers on the cross timbers and then at least 3 feet of dirt was shoveled on the tin. He left a small opening for a door and put a steel barrel in one end for a stove and stuck an old stove pipe through a hole to exit the smoke.

He made a sort of a bench for his bed. Hershel Jenkel said anytime his wife or mother discarded anything that Roebuck could use to make a bed he would bring it to him.



The Man in the Picture is Roebuck

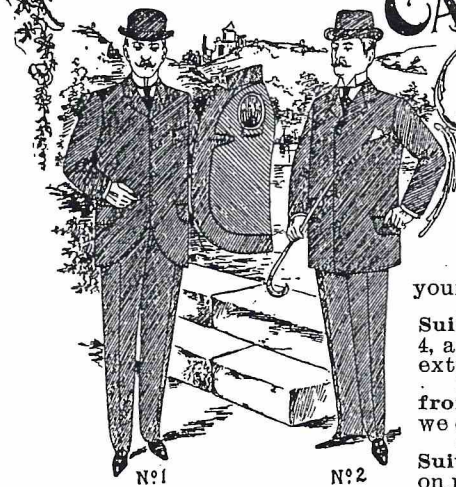
This was Roebuck's Cave House approaching it from the Northwest direction. When I lived there the road led out past the Andrew Casetta Farm. Now owned by the Urbanik Family.



This was the Southeast approach to Roebuck's Cave House. The piece of tin next to the post on the left of the picture was the door.

When Roebuck passed away he had made arrangements with the funeral director to bury him as cheaply as possible. He also had paid the funeral director for his funeral. Billie Feik, his nephew, would not let the funeral home bury him so cheaply as Roebuck had a few thousand dollars in his estate. He made the funeral director buy a new suit, shirt and tie to dress him in. After he had been shaved, had his hair cut and dressed in the new suit, shirt and tie, he made an attractive body as he was laid out that night.

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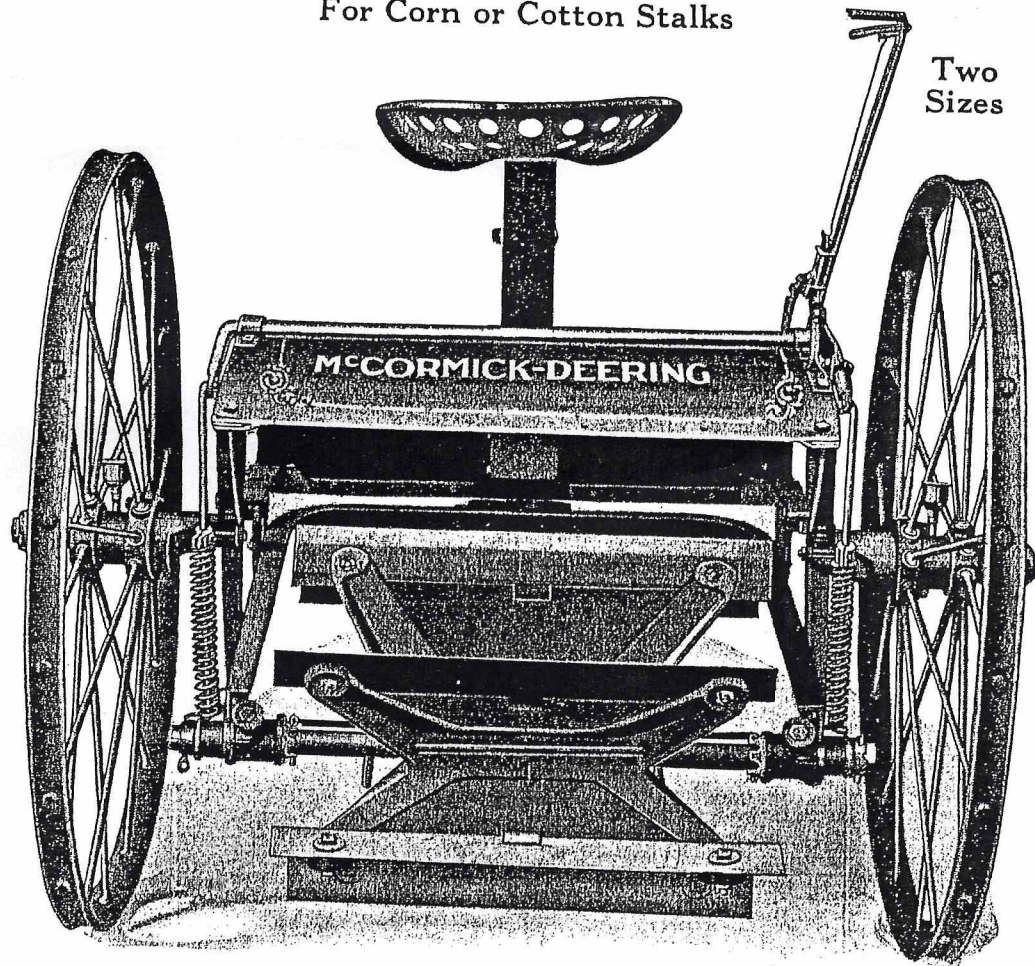
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McCormick-Deering Stalk Cutter

For Corn or Cotton Stalks



Illust. 1—Rear view of McCormick-Deering Stalk Cutter equipped with 7 double-edged knives.

Double-Edged Knife Blades

Each knife has two edges ground to razor sharpness and tempered in oil. Each of these edges will wear a long time and when one side is worn it is a simple job to reverse the knife and secure a new cutting edge. Knives fit over lugs, so that the bolts do not take the strain of the cutting. A foot pedal in front of the driver operates a 2-tined fork. This fork straightens out the stalks so the knife head can cut them.

Double Angle Steel Frame

The frame of the McCormick-Deering stalk cutter, which takes the strain of the work, is built of high-grade angle steel bent in the form of a U, without joints or hinges. The frame is composed of two parts—an upper frame bolted to the axle and the tongue, and a lower frame which holds the knife head and permits a strong independent

action on rough ground. Two heavy springs on either end of the axle give a strong compression, which enables the operator to cut through tough stalks.

Easy Riding Stalk Cutter

Because the knife head is mounted independently of the wheels and the pole, the McCormick-Deering stalk cutter rides much more easily than many other machines of the same type. The driver does not experience so much of the bumping incident to the chopping of large stalks on hard ground. The horses, too, are relieved of any jerking by means of a strong tension spring upon which the double-trees pull.

Safe for the Driver

A broad steel shield completely covers the knife head, saving the driver from injury in case the horses should start up suddenly.

SPECIFICATIONS

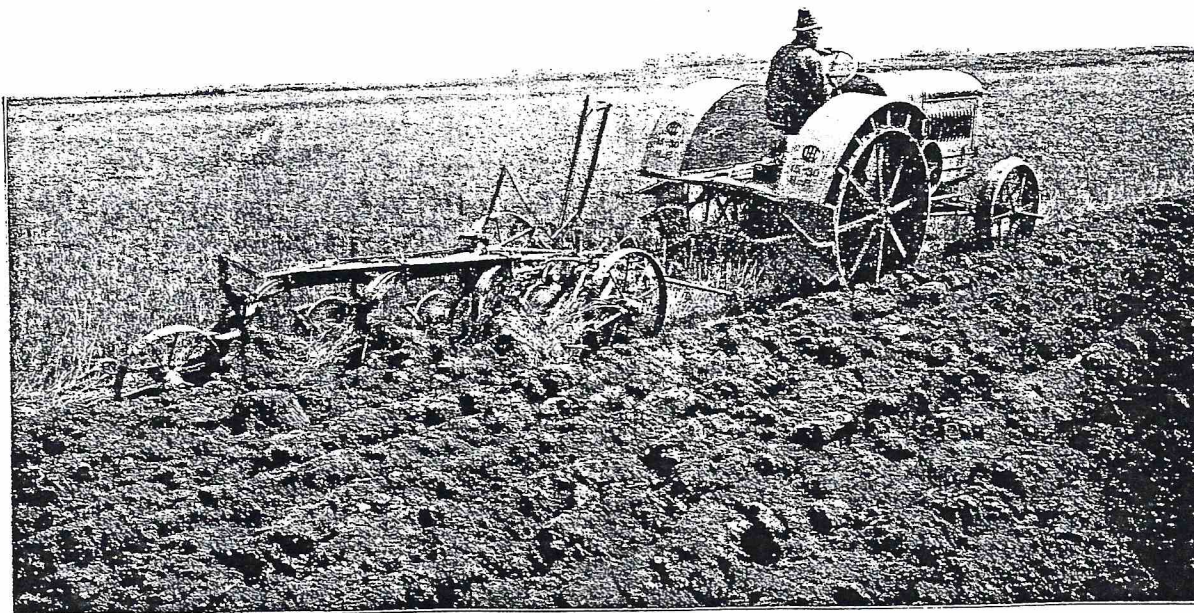
SIZES	WIDTH	HITCH	WEIGHT	REGULAR EQUIPMENT
7-blade	1-row	2-horse	448 lbs.	Doubletrees and Neckyoke
9-blade	1-row	2-horse	480 lbs.	

Roebuck Remembered by Dr. Al Doughty

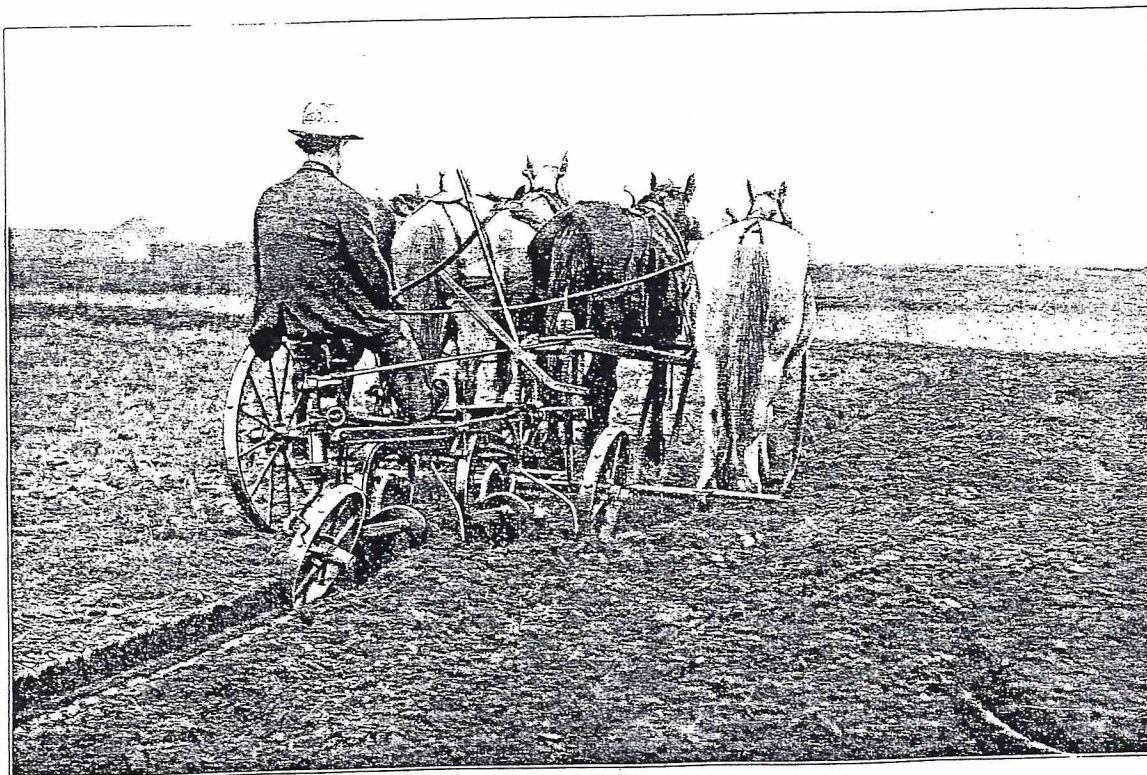
My first meeting with Roebuck Feik was when I had my office on South Douglass Street in Pinckneyville. He came into my office and wanted to know what my prices were on treating the different cases on cattle. It didn't matter what price I gave him, his answer was "Your price is too high". Dr Doughty didn't really know who Roebuck was until he asked Mr. Hester who ran the Tomboy Grocery Store about him. He said that is Charles Feik. He comes in my store and takes all the scraps from my meat cutting and old fruit and vegetables that are discarded. This was his food supply.

Later on Roebuck came into Dr. Doughty's office and said, "Well I castrate 2 of my bulls and they both die. What do you charge me to castrate the other six?" The Doctor then estimated what his fee would be to go out to the farm and castrate the six bulls. He quoted Roebuck a price and Roebuck said, "Vell you are too high, I go castrate them myself and let them die too." Roebuck was not aware that the price of one dead bull would have paid the fee and he would have money left.

When Roebuck thought he had found gold on his farm, he came into town and went to Bill Cunningham's Office and asked for a loan to develop his gold claim. Bill told him, "I am not in the loan business. You will have to see Mr. Crawford at the Murphy Wall Bank". He then told Roebuck, "If you just ask for a loan he will probably turn you down, so take your sack of rocks, hold it about waist high and dump them on the floor so he can see your gold rocks". Roebuck went to the bank and asked to see Mr. Crawford. When he entered he dumped his rocks on the floor and Mr. Crawford asks, "What's going on here?" Roebuck told him he was applying for a loan to develop his gold claim. Mr. Crawford told Roebuck, "We don't make loans without collateral. You will have to get someone to sign your note for the loan." Roebuck looked out the window and saw Dean Hammick. He asked Mr. Crawford if he got Dean Hammick to sign the note would he make the loan. "On yes," Mr. Crawford told him. So Roebuck approached Mr. Hammick and asked if he would sign the note for him as Mr. Crawford would accept his signature. Mr. Hammick told Roebuck "If you get Mr. Crawford to sign your note I will be glad to loan you the money myself." So Roebuck did not develop his gold claim.



Illust. 1-B—McCormick-Deering 15-30 tractor and the Little Genius doing a fine job of turning and covering in extremely dry and hard soil—fall plowing.



Illust. 16—It is easy to do good plowing with a McCormick-Deering P & O Diamond plow.

When Roebuck went anywhere for business or pleasure, if evening came he never bothered to go home. He would find an old hay or straw stack or an old barn or abandoned house and he would sleep there. If none of the above were handy, he just lay on the ground and go to sleep.

Henry Witter ran a butchering business just south of Dr. Doughty's residence. He told Dr. Doughty that Roebuck would come in regularly when he butchered as he came for the scraps of the bulls and steers as they were choice eating. He also used some of the offal.

Dr. Doughty said Roebuck was a seasonal eater. Whatever was in season he would eat it until it ran out. Vegetables, peaches, cantaloupes, watermelons, berries, apples, squash and pumpkins. Whatever was available, he would eat it. Dr. Doughty said he never tested Roebuck's cattle during the period when all cattle had to be tested for TB or Bang's Disease. He let Dr. Nelson test Roebuck's cattle. He said he had them all tied to trees. Dr. Nelson said that Roebuck had 2 cows that had calved recently and had to be milked. He said Roebuck took 2 buckets, milked both cows then tied the buckets to tree limbs so nothing could get to them. That was his refrigerator.

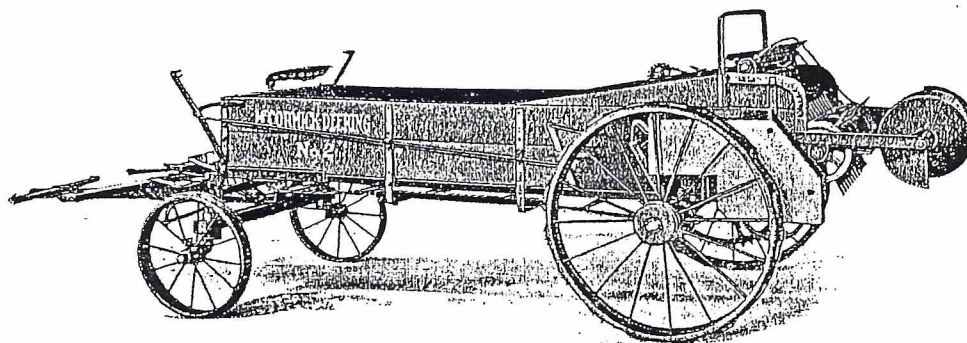
Dr. Al Doughty was called out to the Roebuck Farm one day to take care of a sick heifer. When he arrived, Roebuck made him go to see a new gate he had put up. It was the only gate on Roebucks farm that hung on hinges and swung open freely. Roebuck was so proud of that gate.

Dr. Doughty said Roebuck undoubtedly could not read as a big sign had a swastika on it. Some boys had put the sign on Roebucks gate when he was not at home as he had no idea who had put it there.

There were some people who thought if you were of German Ancestry you were automatically a Nazi!!!!

Everybody had heard about Roebuck's 2 big steers. He had taken them to the National Stockyards in East St. Louis, but couldn't get a decent price for them as they were too large. So he hired a trucker to haul them back home. He finally sold them to Dean Bartle who told Dr. Doughty he thought he could get some good steaks out of them. But they were so old and the steaks were so tough he had to grind them all up into hamburger.

McCormick-Deering Manure Spreader



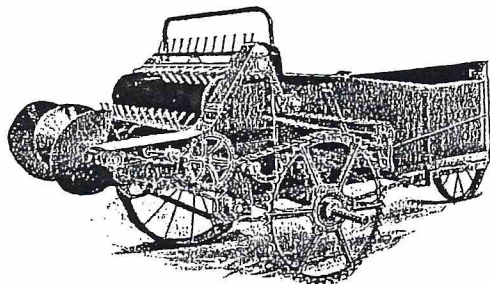
Illust. 3—McCormick-Deering Manure Spreader No. 2.

Front Wheels

The front wheels track with the rear wheels like on a wagon. They are placed under the front of box which shortens the overall length of the spreader and brings the team close to the load.

The Seat

The seat is hinged and can be folded over in front of the box when loading the manure.



Illust. 4—Spreading mechanism with the beater chain in mesh on the large sprocket.

Two All-Steel Beaters

McCormick-Deering spreaders being light in weight and draft may be loaded high because teams can easily take care of big loads. Thus, the upper beater is quite essential in taking care of the loads which may reach as high as the top of the arch at the rear of the box (34"). Note in Illust. 4 that the upper beater is placed forward of the lower beater, not directly above it. This is common sense construction, as it is easier to handle one part of the load at a time than to dig into the whole load at once. The beaters being constructed of steel, there is nothing to warp, rot, shrink, twist or bend.

Size and Speed of Beaters

The upper beater is smaller than the lower beater having only three tooth bars with a diameter of 12 inches between tips of teeth; whereas the lower beater has six tooth bars and a diameter of 18 inches between tips of teeth.

Beater Drive

This is a full chain drive, and a single continuous chain drives both the upper and lower beaters.

The driving sprocket on the main axle is very large. It is so made in order to allow the sprockets on the beaters to be proportionately large, giving less sharp angle to the chain links with a consequent less wear and friction on the chain.

The arm which raises and lowers chain meshing and unmeshing it with nine teeth on the main sprocket is mounted on the rear axle itself astride of the main sprocket, thus the chain is always positively in alignment with the sprocket. Compare this method with that of mounting the arm on the wooden sides as on some other spreaders where warping of the side boards, loose bolts, etc. soon get the chain out of alignment. On the McCormick-Deering the chain always meshes and its long life is assured.

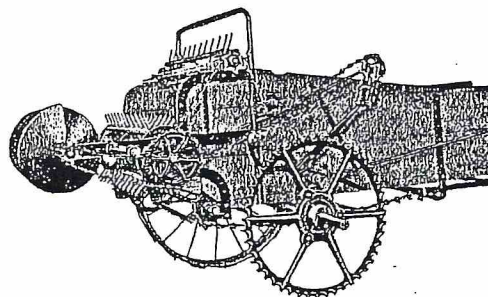
Wide Spread Spiral

This is built in the form of a right and left hand spiral which receives the manure after the beaters have thrown it out and not only gives the manure a second pulverizing but deflects it evenly to the ground in a strip 6 ft. wide or more, so that the operator in spreading the next load does not drive over the manure already spread on the ground.

Narrow Tread

The No. 1 spreader will pass through a gate or door 5 ft. 9 in. wide and the No. 2 spreader, through a gate or door 6 ft. 3 in. wide.

This narrow tread allows driving through the average barn doors to load from the stable direct, thus saving one handling of the manure.



Illust. 5—The beater chain out of mesh and held from sagging down on the large sprocket by a new and improved chain supporting arm.

When Roebuck went to town, he would buy a sack of feed or whatever was needed and put it on his shoulder. As he went along people would stop him and talk. He would never sit the sack down. If he talked long enough he would shift it to the other shoulder, but never set it on the ground. He was a man of great strength.

Dr. Doughty said he had heard that Roebuck was quite a card player. Although Dr. Doughty said he wasn't a card player himself he had heard of Roebuck and the Winkle Strait. It was a 2-4-6-8-10. He didn't know enough about Roebuck's card playing to comment.

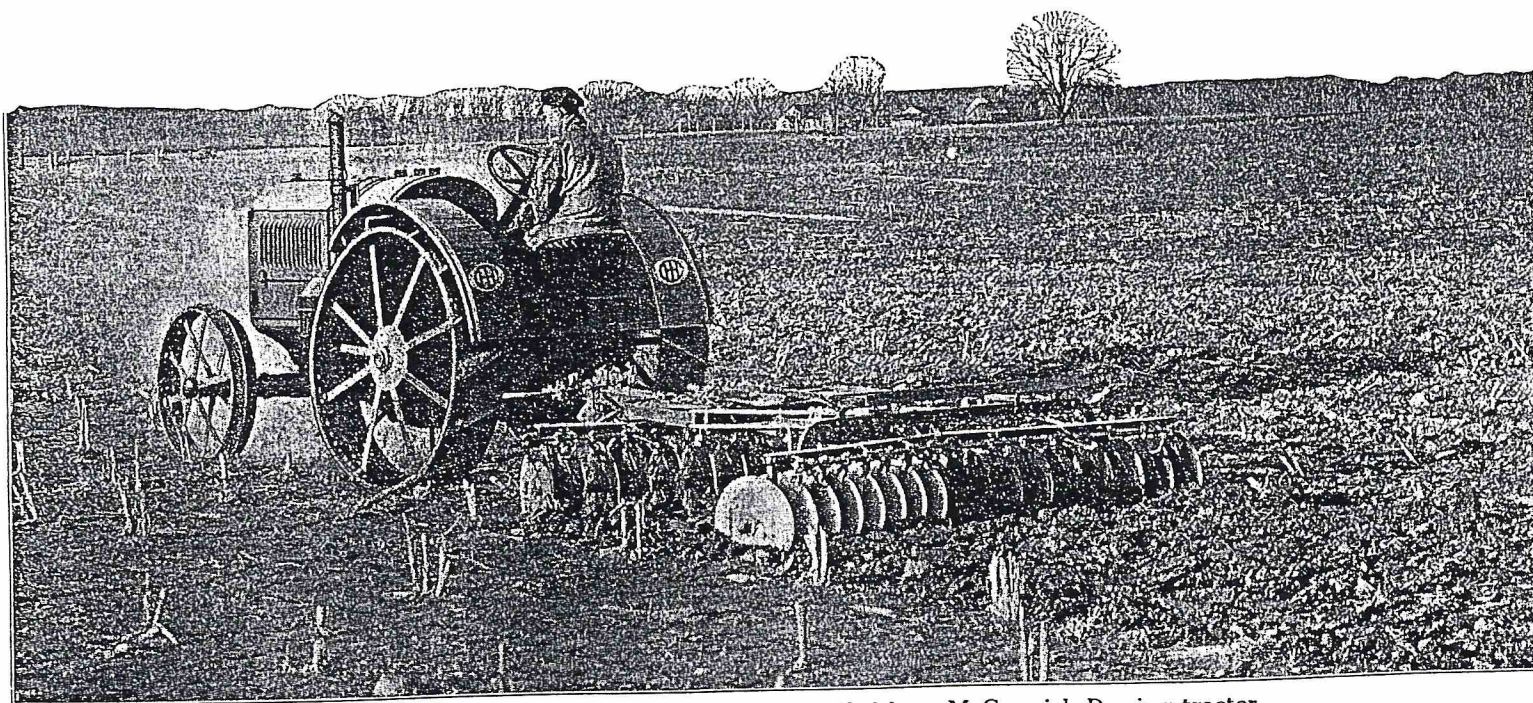
Dr. Doughty went to Roebuck's cave house before Roebuck had become an invalid. He said it was big posts with sheet iron on the posts and dirt on the sheet iron. He had 2 sheets of metal nailed across the door. Dr. said he didn't know if Roebuck went under the sheets or over them to get in. He had a long log that he kept pushing in the stove as it burned. Outside was a hug pile of tin cans. Roebuck had taken a lot of canned goods from a burned out grocery store. He said there was a surprise in every can as he never knew what was in one until he opened it.

When Roebuck broke his leg, he made the remark if he had one more cat it could have kept his leg warmer as he slept with the cats. When he was in the hospital he had the impression if you didn't eat much your bill would be less. After he was told he was charged for his meal even if he didn't eat it, he then ate them out of house and home.

John Loos sent his wife over to Roebuck's to see if he could help him do some work. When she arrived, she either knocked or shouted for Roebuck to come out. When he did, she almost fainted as he was totally naked and had feathers clinging to his whole body. "Vell," he said, "You surprised me, now I surprise you."



In summing up our interview, Dr. Doughty said Roebuck was a unique individual. Under the same circumstances could any of us do any better with what Roebuck had if we had been put in his place? He had never been to the County Government to ask for help or welfare. He managed to get by with what he had. He had to be admired because he survived on nothing.



—The McCormick-Deering tractor disk harrow pulled by a McCormick-Deering tractor.

Roebuck Remembered
by Florence (Kelly) Lambert

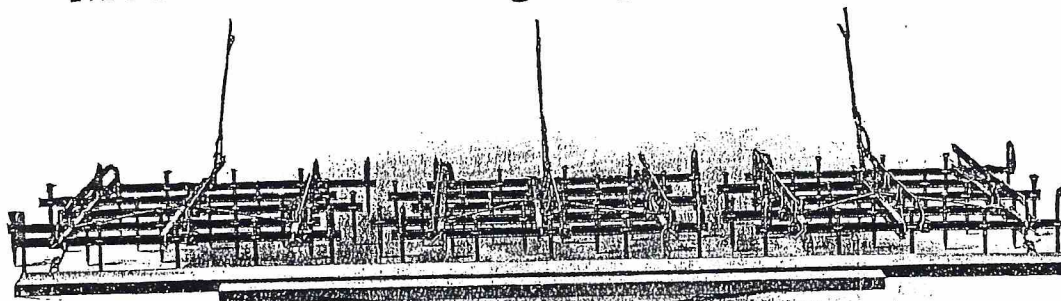
One day I was at the neighbor's house and they were having a slight argument. It so happened that Roebuck was there. He listened for a little while then he said if he were ever to get married that his wife would have to smile all the time. If not he would kick her in the back of her belly and make her smile.

In my mind I can still see him as I did in grade school going past our home place with an ear of corn in his hand and his cows all following him as he was moving them from one of his farms to another. It was several miles from one place to the other across the railroad and down the highway for a short walk.

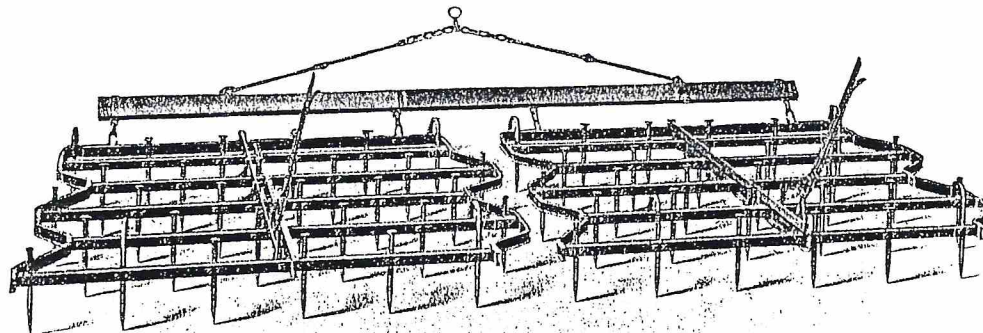
There was quite a large creek that ran across Roebuck's Land. One day when it was almost dry of water he was down in it fooling around and he discovered some shiny rocks. At once he decided he had gold on his land. So what does he do? Well he picked some of the rocks up, put them in a little paper sack and bought himself a bus ticket to Washington D.C. to show them to the President. Well what happens when he gets there -- they decided he was a bum and would not let him in. Believe me he was one angry person.

One day Nellie (Kelly) Dublo had gone to Pinckneyville to buy groceries. Her car was low on gas, so she stopped at a gas station by Dunn's Sporting Goods. While filling her tank, she saw Roebuck coming her direction. She went to the passenger side of her car and piled all her groceries on the car seat so she could tell Roebuck she didn't have room for him. She never got the chance to say no to him for a ride. Roebuck goes to the passenger side -- piles all the groceries on the floor and gets in while Nellie finishes filling her tank.

McCormick-Deering Peg-Tooth Harrows



Illust. 1—McCormick-Deering three-section open-end rigid peg-tooth Harrow.



Illust. 2—McCormick-Deering closed-end peg-tooth Harrow with two-section drawbar.

SPECIFICATIONS—OPEN-END AND CLOSED-END HARROWS

SIZES	DESCRIPTION	WIDTH		WEIGHT		ATTACHMENTS
		RIGID	CLOSED-END	RIGID	CLOSED-END	
1-section	25 teeth	4 ft., 1 in.	4 ft., 1 in.	100 lbs.	106 lbs.	For rigid harrow Orchard guards Harrow cart
1-section	30 teeth	4 ft., 8 in.	5 ft., —	110 lbs.	117 lbs.	
1-section	35 teeth	5 ft., 6 in.	5 ft., 9 in.	125 lbs.	131 lbs.	
2-section	50 teeth	8 ft., 3 in.	8 ft., 4 in.	203 lbs.	215 lbs.	
2-section	60 teeth	9 ft., 11 in.	10 ft., 1 in.	224 lbs.	238 lbs.	
2-section	70 teeth	11 ft., 8 in.	11 ft., 10 in.	254 lbs.	266 lbs.	
3-section	75 teeth	12 ft., 5 in.	12 ft., 7 in.	315 lbs.	339 lbs.	For closed-end Harrow cart
3-section	90 teeth	15 ft., —	16 ft., 1 in.	358 lbs.	379 lbs.	
3-section	105 teeth	17 ft., 6 in.	17 ft., 11 in.	403 lbs.	421 lbs.	
4-section	100 teeth	16 ft., 8 in.	16 ft., 11 in.	426 lbs.	450 lbs.	
4-section	120 teeth	20 ft., —	21 ft., 5 in.	478 lbs.	506 lbs.	
4-section	140 teeth	23 ft., 5 in.	24 ft., —	518 lbs.	568 lbs.	

Two-section and over shipped regularly with drawbar. Regular diamond teeth measure $\frac{5}{8}$ by $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch

SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING NEW SOUTHERN PEG-TOOTH HARROWS

A strong but light weight closed-end Peg Harrow that is much in demand throughout a large portion of this country. Similar to McCormick-Deering closed-end but lighter.

SIZES	DESCRIPTION	WIDTH	WEIGHT	ATTACHMENTS
1-section	25 teeth	3 ft., 4 in.	94 lbs.	Harrow cart
1-section	30 teeth	4 ft., 4 in.	107 lbs.	
2-section	50 teeth	6 ft., 9 in.	205 lbs.	Shipped regularly with drawbar and diamond teeth $\frac{5}{8}$ by $\frac{1}{8}$ inches
2-section	60 teeth	9 ft., 4 in.	217 lbs.	
3-section	75 teeth	10 ft., 1 in.	320 lbs.	
3-section	90 teeth	13 ft., 5 in.	342 lbs.	

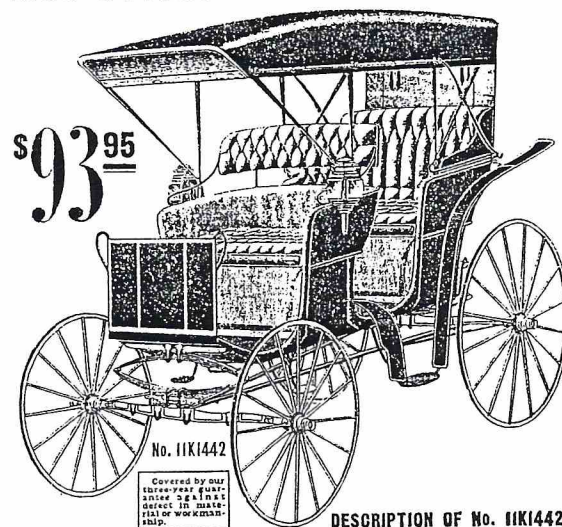
One day Roebuck was at Aunt Rose Kelly's house while she was canning Dew Berries. They used to take a wagon, buckets, and tubs and go to the Powder Co. ground and pick Dew Berries. They were so plentiful that a tub could be filled shortly with a few pickers. The Atlas Powder Co. had purchased a large number of acres to build a powder plant on it and never did build leaving the land lay out and not farmed by anyone. It was Dew Berry and Rabbit Paradise.

Aunt Rose would put the berries in a quart fruit jar and then put them in a kettle full of water boiling for so many minutes and then tighten the lids (called cold packing). Roebuck was fascinated by the procedure. He told Aunt Rose that he just put them in a jar and packed them until the jar was full, then put the lid on them. He also canned tomatoes that way. He said once in a while some of the jars would go psssst, but he ate them anyway.

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1908 STYLES HIGH GRADE SURREYS



No. 11K1442
Covered by our
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ship.

DESCRIPTION OF No. 11K1442

SEATS. Latest style auto seats, very roomy and comfortable. The body is upholstered with plush velvet spring backs, seat cushions are of the best frame pattern, fitted with plenty of elastic. A finished soft coil springs making the job very easy riding. Upholstered seat, under seat, are lined and reinforced throughout. Upholstered in either a heavy 16-ounce all wool imported dark green best cloth or extra grade upholstery leather. According to the action of the country to which it is shipped. If you have any preference, be sure to specify in your order. Otherwise we will upholster in the material best suited for the action of the country to which it is shipped.

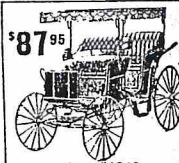
Large, roomy and comfortable body. The body is made of the best material obtainable for the purpose. 6 feet 1 1/2 inches long by 28 inches wide. Body frame is seasoned ash with hardwood corner posts, uprights and seat frame. The seat is covered with the finest length with a heavy steel roller. The roller is skinned back and front with the best leather. The seat is in the most substantial manner. Carefully fitted body has a very nice roll of molding, as shown in the illustration. Body and seat panels are seasoned, cedar with rounded corners. Seat rails are bolted through with full length rivets. Rivets in bottom of body, large clips, patent leather double fenders, handsome oil burning lamps, polished leather dash.

Large, handsome, removable leather top. Quarter extension top of the most improved pattern. Quarters are very wide, running the full length from front to back. Made of the best grade of black cowhide with a rich black leather. Carefully finished and lined with a good heavy wool lining. The front and back outside of the top are made of 28 extra heavy quality

of rubber. A very handsome front valance is used. Front and rear; long curved top panels; large black poppits; top throughout lined with an all wool very plush; dark green best cloth; the back valance is lined with the same material. The top has full length side and back curtains with curtain fasteners; enameled bow sockets in fact, the top throughout is made of the best close material, to correspond with the balance of the job. Waterproofed throughout. Top is fitted so it can be removed instantly without the use of tools.

Spokes and axles. Made of refined steel, the shafts are of the deep pattern, tested in our ultrasonic gages so that they all have the same pitch, so that they will all set perfectly, so that our job will run easy and track true. The spokes are of the long life, heavy duty and multipoint bell collar pattern; the axles are fitted with a heavy heavy duty axle, which is centered, polished and clipped to the axle with a smooth finish. Large full length wheels are used, to which is connected two heavy tractors, which run through the frame. These tractors are braced full length. The frame is made of the best oil tempered spring steel, 36 inches in length, fully guaranteed, of the open head type. The front axle is attached to the front end of the spring bar, which is attached to the body. In the rear, a clipper wood spring bar; there is a steel clip running the full length of the body, connecting the front spring bar and the rear body loop.

WHEELS. Ray wheels on this job of the Seven's patent style, made of selected second growth hickory, full gum covered. To keep the runs from split-



No. 11K1342
Canopy Top Surrey.



No. 11K1444
Extension Top and Cut Under Body.



No. 11K1344
Canopy Top and Cut Under Body.

ing we run a wire on each side of the spokes in the rim. When finished with steel wires the wheels are fitted with an oval steel tire, and a bolt run down through the rim and tire between each spoke; the tire are located before being put on the wheels, making the strongest kind of a wheel made. We furnish the wheels, 48 inches front and 42 inches rear. (See illustration.) Can also furnish the Columbia-located spoke wheel for \$1.25 extra. (See page 62).

SHAFTS. Gray shafts, finished with genuine leather 30 inches back from the point, front leather straps and oval straps; double braced. Brader shaft couplers.

PAINTING. Every attention is paid to each job. The detail to make this one of the handsomest, most attractive and stylish jobs of painting that ever went out of our factory. We use under coat to set a smooth finish on the body and gear. We use coats of painting, rubbing them in and out, use fine rubbing varnish and finishing varnish. Finish is put on any other auto body material. The body panels are jet black; the seat panels and seat backs are hand-painted with a rich, beautiful green, which harmonizes beautifully with the black body; the pillars are painted a dark blood color. The gear wheels and the valance on this job make it very attractive. Can furnish blood color gear if desired. The entire effect of the painting on this job makes it very attractive.

TRACK. 8 feet 8 inches or 2 feet 2 inches. Stubs 375 pounds. 4 inch wheel. Set weight. \$93.95

- No. 11K1442 Price, complete with extension top, double braced shafts and steel tires \$92.75
- No. 11K1444 Price, complete with extension top, double braced shafts and cut under body \$97.95
- No. 11K1342 Price, complete with canopy top in place of extension top \$92.45
- No. 11K1344 Price, complete with canopy top in place of extension top and cut under body \$92.45

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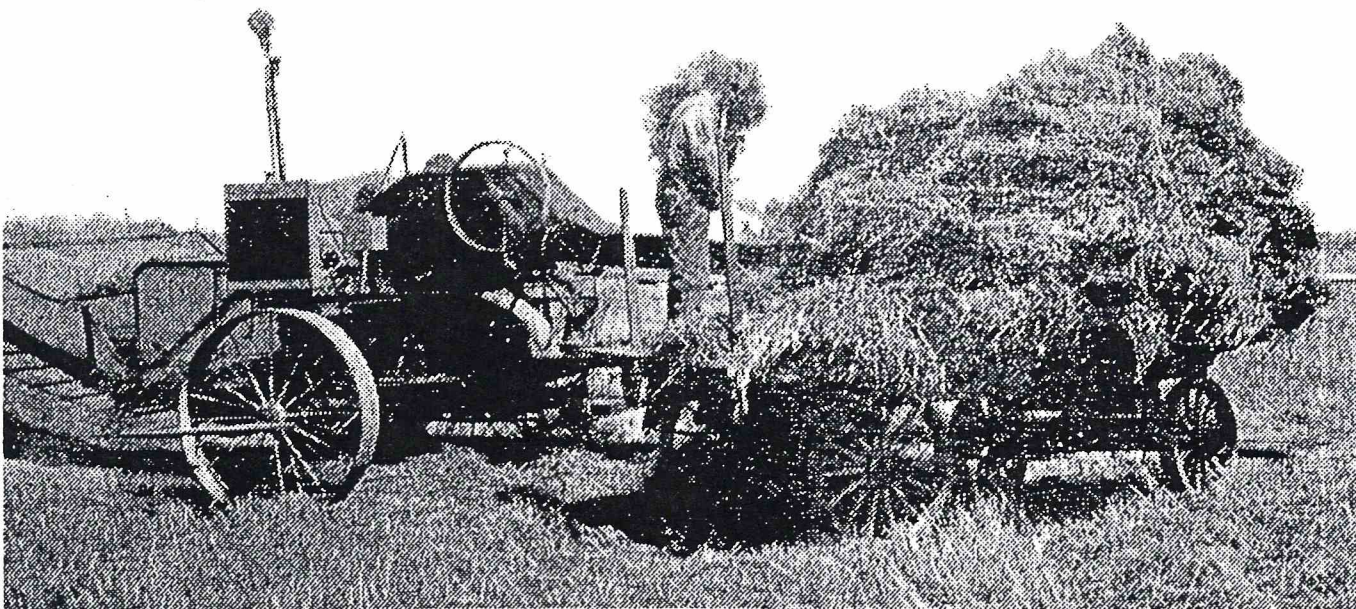
Full set of shafts. Both side and shaft. Each Kelly running. Guaranteed rubber tires. Shipping weight, crated under 50 inches, about 770 pounds. Shipped from factory.

Roebuck Remembered by Melvin "Dutch" Ferrero

One day while "Dutch" was cleaning the manure in the cow barn, Roebuck came by on the way to Collie's (Roebuck's sister who married Frank Clark) and lay down on a pile of straw behind the cows. Dutch said he thought nothing of it as occasionally they would find Roebuck sleeping in the straw pile when they came to the barn to do the chores. Finally Dutch's dad came to the barn, took one look at Roebuck and said, "Charley are you sick? You look bad this morning."

Roebuck said, "I have a terrible stomach ache." Martin said, "Have you eat something different that could cause you to have the stomach ache?" Roebuck said, "No, you remember the cow I said that had a calf and I told you the calf would only suck one side of her bag? Well the other side was real hard so I milked it out, the milk was clabbered." Martin said, "The cow has mastitis in that half of her bag. What did you do with the milk?" Roebuck said, "I like clabbered milk so I drank it. That calf tried to tell me the milk wasn't fit to eat but I didn't understand."

One day Roebuck came by the Ferrero farm. There was about two inches of snow on the ground. Roebuck was wearing a pair of old Red Ball boots that didn't even match. They had holes in them where they had dry rotted and you could see his toes in the holes. As they stood there and talked, at least one hour, Dutch said he could see the water run out of the holes in Roebuck's boots. The warmth from his feet melted the snow.



When Roebuck got ready to build his underground home, he asked Dutch to come over and cut the logs for him. He had sold his good white oak timber to a stave mill. Dutch said they probably cheated Roebuck and got the timber at a very low price. Well anyway Dutch goes over and cuts the logs for him, some of them were over two feet thru and drug them up to his place. Roebuck then got Angelo Ruffino to place them for him with a tractor front end loader. Then he had Dutch come back and cut the rafters that would go on top of the big upright posts. They were eight to ten inches in diameter. He then put old tin and anything he could get on top of the rafters before he piled dirt on the tin. Dutch helped him spade the dirt on top (about three feet of dirt). He then found an old piece of stove pipe for his chimney. He then blocked the east side and made a door that was just wide enough to get in if you ducked your head. His stove was a barrel. After the old stove pipe rusted out he didn't bother to replace it. He just let the smoke go out the door. Dutch said he looked like a smoked piece of meat.

When Dutch was coon hunting he would go by Roebuck's to check on him, he said smoke would be so bad his carbide light wouldn't penetrate the smoke to where he could see Roebuck, he could only talk to him.

Roebuck used to go around all the old strawstacks, haystacks and pea pummie stacks in the neighborhood and plant watermelon and pumpkin seeds around them. Then in the summer, if he was in that neighborhood, he would have something to eat. As fall came on, he would cut and shock corn for the neighbors. He would then put a watermelon and pumpkin inside each shock. If they were in the field, he would pack them from the stacks. Dutch said he saw Roebuck down on his knees in the snow getting a watermelon or pumpkin out a corn shock for something to eat.



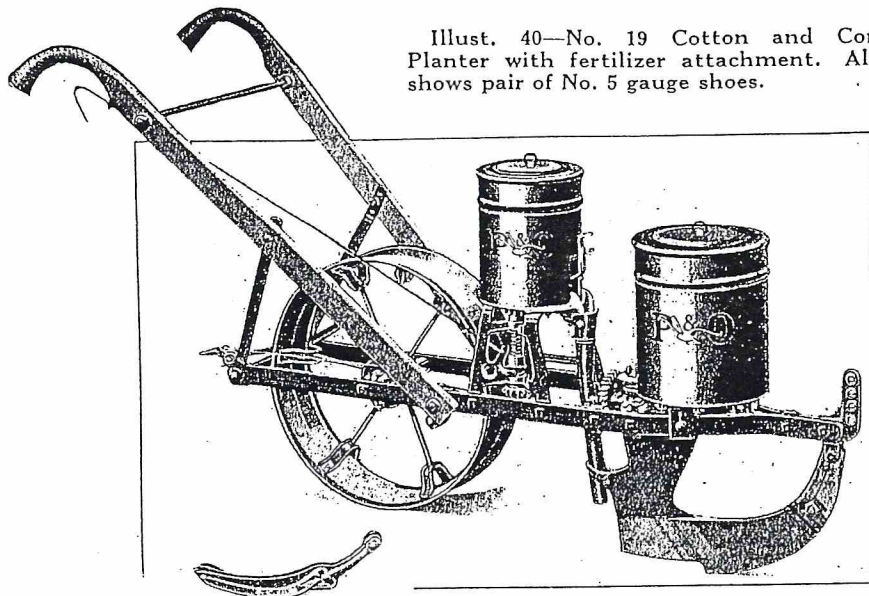
This was the Southwest approach to Roebucks Cave House. It makes one wonder how a human being could survive a winter in a cave like this. The tin covering the west wall above ground had to frost up on cold nites.



This picture is approaching Roebuck's Cave House from the south. There was a creek south of the house where he would go to get water out of a pool in the creek. Notice the fruit jar on top of the barrel. When his sister(Collie) died she had canned fruit and vegetable, some 10 years old, but Roebuck didn't throw any food away he would eat it.

McCormick-Deering P & O One-Horse Cotton and Corn Planters

Illust. 40—No. 19 Cotton and Corn Planter with fertilizer attachment. Also shows pair of No. 5 gauge shoes.



No. 9

This planter is equipped with the well known reverse cotton and flat drop corn hoppers. This style does not take the fertilizer attachment.

No. 19

This planter is the same as the No. 9 except that the frame is made sufficiently longer to permit the use of fertilizer attachment.

No. 49

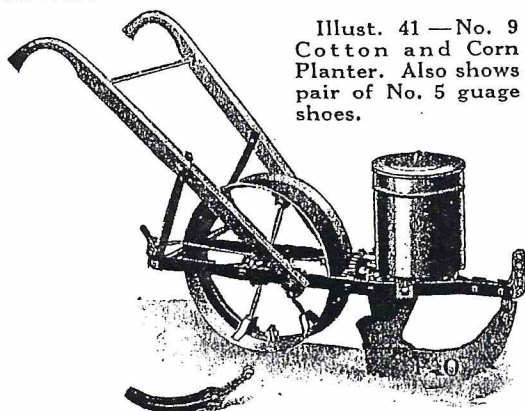
This planter is equipped with combination reverse cotton feed and edge drop corn hoppers. Frame is the same as on the No. 9, and therefore does not permit the use of a fertilizer attachment.

No. 149

This planter has the same hopper equipment as the No. 49, but is built with a longer frame as used on the No. 19, which permits the use of fertilizer attachment.

Drive Wheel

The drive wheel has a detachable rim which in use forms a concave tire and when removed leaves



Illust. 41—No. 9 Cotton and Corn Planter. Also shows pair of No. 5 gauge shoes.

the wheel as an open center tire. Hopper mechanism is driven by a drive shaft and pinions connected with the drive wheel. The drive mechanism can be thrown in or out of gear instantly, by means of a foot latch. To change from cotton to corn drill, it is only necessary to remove the agitator and substitute a corn cut-off and plate, which are furnished.

Planting Distances

Nos. 9 and 19—7, 11, 14, 18 and 28-inch for corn, 8 and 10-inch for beans.

Nos. 49 and 149—13, 15, 18 and 22-inch for corn. Cotton is drilled continuously, the quantity planted being regulated by the hopper slide.

Regular Equipment

Cotton hoppers and extra parts required for corn planting, including necessary corn plates.

Extra Equipment

A gauge wheel or pair of gauge shoes can be furnished.

Special polished plates for planting kafir corn, broom corn, milo maize, etc.

Peanut attachment for Nos. 9 and 19

Fertilizer attachment for Nos. 19 and 149

No. 6 Pea attachment for Nos. 19 and 149

No.	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT
9	Cotton and flat drop corn, short frame.....	118 lbs.
19	Cotton and flat drop corn, long frame.....	121 lbs.
49	Cotton and edge drop corn, short frame.....	126 lbs.
149	Cotton and edge drop corn, long frame.....	129 lbs.
8	Fertilizer attachment for Nos. 19 and 149.....	20 lbs.
28	Gauge wheel.....	10 lbs.
5	Gauge shoes, pair.....	3 lbs.
4	Peanut attachment.....	15 lbs.

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One day after a bad ice storm, Dutch drove by his dad's to see if he needed anything as he was going to town. His dad asked if he had checked on Roebuck. Dutch said no, he doubted if you could get to Roebuck, the ice was so bad. There were about two inches of ice on the road. Martin then told Dutch, you go on to town and I'll go check on Roebuck. Dutch told his Dad if you're not back by the time I get back from town, I'll come looking for you. After Dutch got back from town, he drove to the lane that led to Roebuck's. He could see his Dad coming so he waited. When his Dad arrived he said, "Dutch we have a problem. When I got to Roebuck's he was down at the foot on the incline to his cave." I asked him how long he had been there. He said he didn't know. So Martin always carried an axe in icy weather. He then proceeded to chop holes in the ice on the incline (about 10 feet). He then took hold of Roebuck and pulled him up the incline (easy as he slid on ice) and put him in his bed. No fire or warmth.

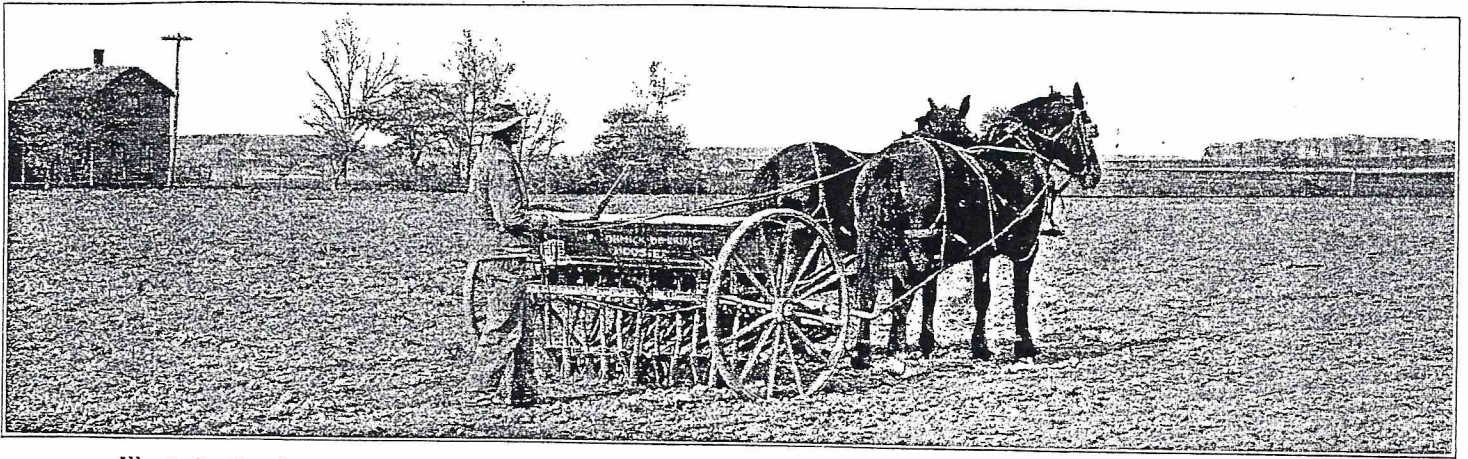
Martin then decided to call Billie Feik, Roebuck's nephew.

Billie Feik came to Martin's house and said, "We have to get him out to a hospital." Martin told him, I think his arm and leg lay on the ice are frost bitten or frozen." Billie said, "I'll have to drive my truck in there to get him out." Dutch said, "I don't think you can get in there, but I'll get a tractor and wait. If you don't make it I'll try to help you." Dutch then decided to go in with the tractor. He ran in the road ditch where the tractor would break thru, then he drove through the timber where the ice would break. and give him traction. After they had Roebuck in the truck he told Billie to drive in the road ditch and he would help him along. When they got to Urbanik's Lane (it was Casetta's then) they got out in the field and made it to the road. Then Billie took him on to the hospital in Pinckneyville.

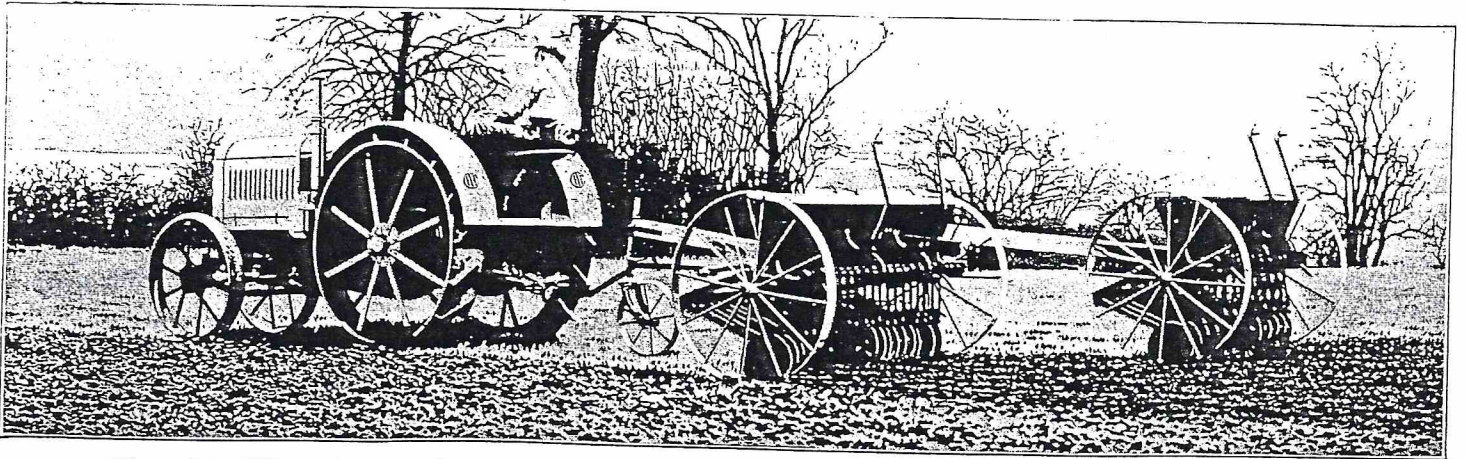
The next day Martin and Dutch went to see Roebuck. He was worried about his livestock. Billie asked Dutch if he would feed the cattle for Roebuck. Dutch said he would. The next day Dutch took hay and feed from his own place to feed Roebuck's cattle because Roebuck never had over a two day supply of feed. Two days later Martin was told that they were to amputate one of Roebuck's legs.

Three days later they took the other leg off. After he had recovered from the surgery, Dr. Mathis or some other good person offered to pay for artificial legs for Roebuck, but he wasn't interested.

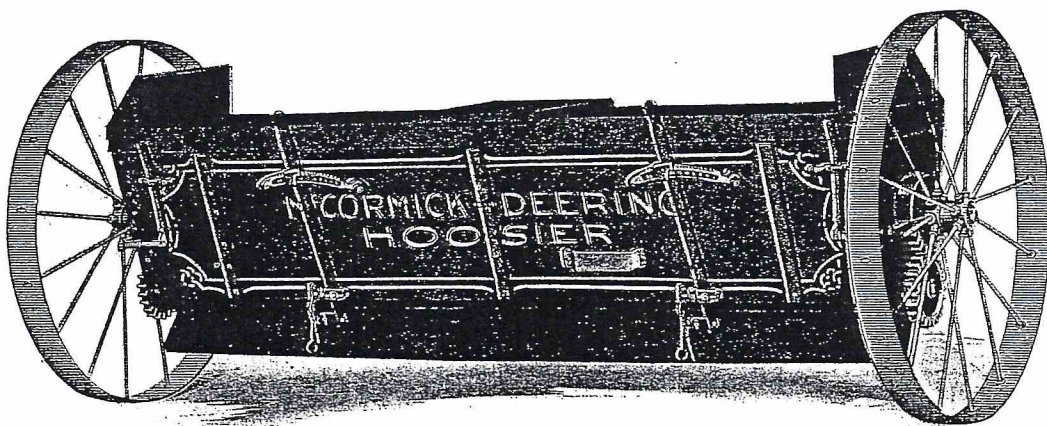
He then stayed in the Sherman Hotel in Pinckneyville and he would come down the stairs on his hands and knees just like a dog. He would then go the corner where the Kroger Store was (later Luke's Cafe) and cross the street, never paying any attention to the cars. They all would stop for him and let him



Illust. 2—On the average size farm a McCormick-Deering Hoosier grain drill is "Easy Pull" work for horses.



Illust. 2-A—Where there are large acreages to be drilled, the ideal outfit is a McCormick-Deering tractor and McCormick-Deering Hoosier grain drills.



Illust. 101—McCormick-Deering lime sower spreads any desired quantity. Note its simplicity, strength and convenience. Regularly equipped with double agitator feed, screen top and scattering boards.

go by. I guess everybody in Pinckneyville got to know who Roebuck was. Dutch would go to town just to talk to Roebuck. Dutch said Roebuck would never look up when talking, he would stare at the sidewalk or floor. He would complain about the food (He had never eaten good food) but he seemed contented. Dutch said he lived about ten or eleven months but less than a year crawling around town before he died. Dutch's Father, Martin Ferrero attended Roebuck's Funeral. He is buried at the Mueller Hill Cemetery near Pinckneyville, Illinois.

Dutch Ferrero told me Roebuck would always make the threshing ring as he liked to eat the dinners and suppers served to the threshing crews. The threshing ring was a number of farmers consisting of eight or ten farmers who traded work at threshing time. Each one would help all the farmers in the ring; in return they all came to help him. Roebuck liked meat and potatoes, but he especially liked the sweets, pies and cakes. He would take a whole pie, put half in his pocket and eat the other half after he had eaten at 2 tables. When the first table had finished, another group came in to eat at the second table.

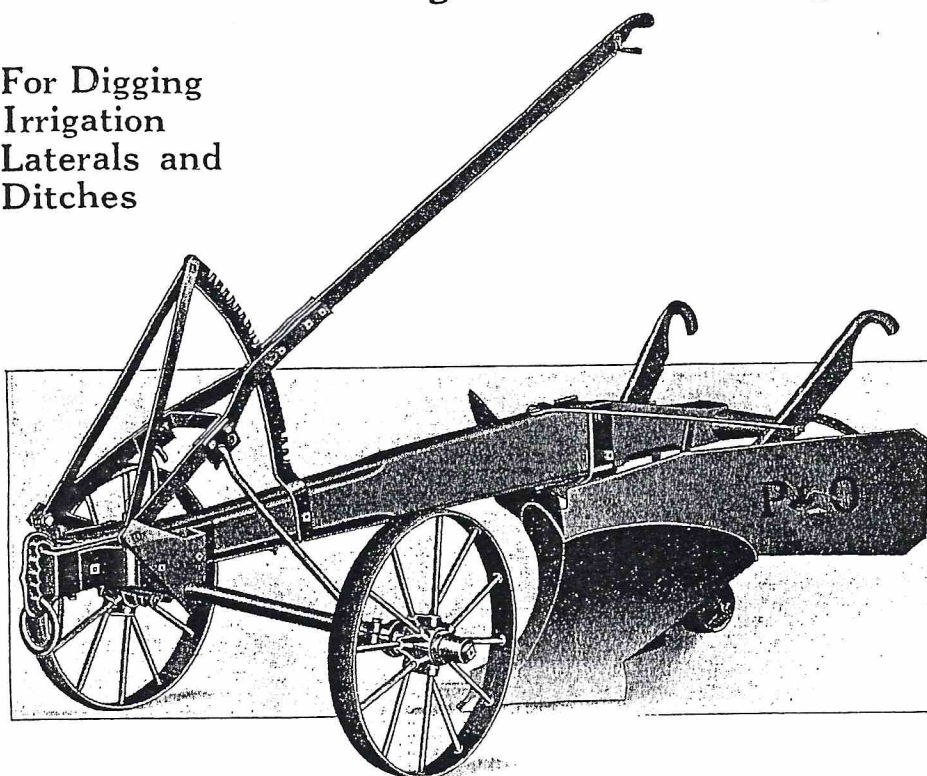
After Roebuck had finished eating, he would find a place where he could lay down to rest and sleep. He would make himself sick by eating too much so he had to recover. It would be 2 or 3 hours before he could work again.

Dutch also used to cut Roebuck's wood in cold weather. This was after Roebuck became older and had lost a lot of his strength. Dutch would cut the poles 15 to 18 feet long, wrap a chain around them and drag them on a bank above Roebuck's cave house. Roebuck would then drag them down the embankment to where they would fit in his barrel. He never cut them, he just kept feeding them into the barrel until they burned up. Occasionally a piece would burn in two and fall on the dirt floor, he would just pick it up and put in back into the barrel.

During the early 40's Roebuck made a deal with Katie (Ruffino) Morganthaler to bake bread for him. Katie's husband, Walter, was in the Army at the time. Katie was a good cook so she baked bread for Roebuck every week. Once when he came to get his bread he told Katie he wanted a little extra. Knowing what he meant, she hit him with a pan. He had only asked her but had not laid a hand on her. He thought it was funny and told on himself. When Katie's husband came home from the Army she told him about Roebuck. Walter then gave Roebuck a terrific beating. Roebuck took it because he knew he was guilty.

McCormick-Deering P & O Ditching Plow

For Digging
Irrigation
Laterals and
Ditches



Illust. 82—Ditching Plow.

The Only Plow Like It

This is a very large, massive plow built exclusively for the purpose of digging lateral ditches or trenches. It has been in successful use for years in irrigated sections. It is free from all delicate parts or complications and, if necessary, 6 or 8 horses or a tractor can be used without danger of damage to the plow.

Beam

The beam is very heavy, made of one piece of well-seasoned oak, and is reinforced by a steel strap which runs along the under side from the hitch to the standard.

Bottom

The bottom is built like a middlebreaker bottom, that is, with two molds and a double share. A long steel bar, securely bolted to the frog and to the heavy steel standard, forms the rudder. An extra, double brace extending from the beam, just in front of the handle spreader, to the rear end of the rudder, completes a bottom construction that is equal to the hardest kind of work.

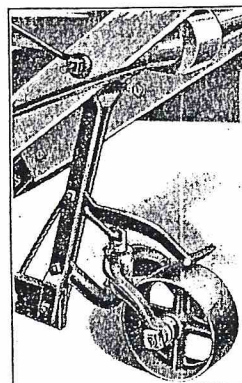
Wings

The plow is equipped with detachable wings having an extreme width of 6 feet. These wings are necessary whenever deep plowing is contemplated, as they throw the dirt away from the banks, leaving a clear space for the soil thrown out by the second plowing. The wings are adjustable laterally for different widths. When plowing the

second time, to make a deeper trench, it is necessary to remove the wings and forecarriage, in order to let the plow down in the ditch.

Forecarriage and Transport Wheel

The forecarriage is heavy, and built nearly altogether of steel. A long and powerful lever gauges the depth of the furrow. The caster rear wheel holds the plow off the ground in turning and transporting. The plow can be operated with horses or a tractor.



Illust. 82-A—The rear transport wheel.

Regular Equipment

Single shin, hard steel molds and heavy solid steel share. Furnished with No. 4 truck.

Extra Equipment

Tractor hitch chain (30 links) with drag hook, link and ring.

Size	SHARE NO.	WEIGHT
20-inch	346	534 lbs.
Extra wings,	per pair	39 lbs.

Roebuck used to grub trees for Martin Ferraro. He would take his shovel and shovel the dirt away from 2 or 3 of the big main roots, usually on the south and west sides of the tree. Then he would chop out this big root at least 3 feet away from the tree and right near the tree. Then he would go to another tree and do the same thing there. One day Martin approached Roebuck and asked why he didn't continue grubbing the tree until it fell as he was doing? Roebuck told him that if he had noticed that he had cut and removed the main roots on the south and west of the trees he would let the wind blow them down as most of our bad storms came from the south and west. This would save him a lot of extra work. The fee for clearing an acre at that time was from \$ 7.00 to \$10.00 per acre. It would take all winter for a man to clear 2 acres. \$20.00 for a winter's work.

As Roebuck would go to the clearing patch he noticed "Dutch" had a hog pen on top of a small hill. Among the hogs was a big old stag (a boar that has been castrated) that took Roebuck's eye. He then asked "Dutch" if the stag was for sale. Dutch said it was and that he would take \$20.00 for him or a nickel per pound, anyway Roebuck would choose. Roebuck said what do you think he will weigh? Dutch said I think we will weigh 500 pounds or better. So Roebuck agreed to buy him for \$20.00. So Dutch proceeded to load the stag and take him to Henry Witters to be butchered. Roebuck then decided to weigh the stag. So Dutch drives to the mill, weighs the truck with the stag in it, then goes back to weigh the empty truck. The stag weighed something over 500 pounds. Then Roebuck didn't know if he should buy by the pound or for \$20.00. This would prove he didn't know how to multiply to arrive at the weight times 5 cents per pound. He kept stalling on paying for the hog debating what he should do. Finally Dutch told him, he could make his choice how he wanted to pay. He finally paid Dutch the \$20.00 the price he had asked at the start.

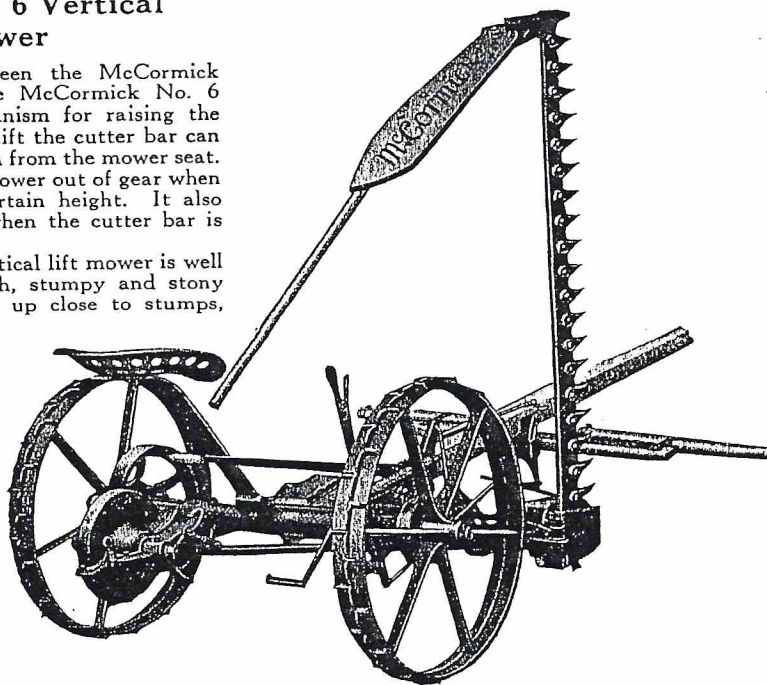
McCormick Mowers

McCormick No. 6 Vertical Lift Mower

The only difference between the McCormick vertical lift mower and the McCormick No. 6 regular mower is the mechanism for raising the cutter bar. On the vertical lift the cutter bar can be raised to a vertical position from the mower seat. The mechanism throws the mower out of gear when the cutter bar reaches a certain height. It also throws the mower in gear when the cutter bar is lowered.

The McCormick No. 6 vertical lift mower is well suitable for cutting in rough, stumpy and stony land. With it you can cut up close to stumps, stones, etc.

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Illust. 16—McCormick No. 6 vertical lift mower.

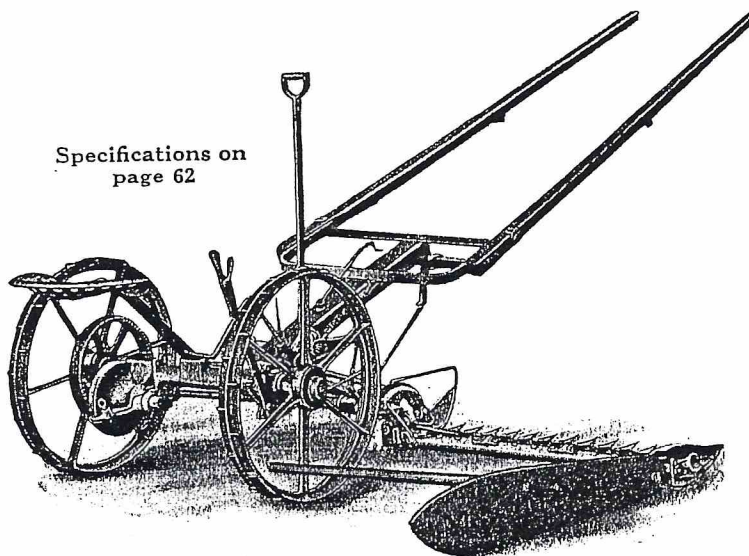
McCormick Vertical One-Horse Mower

The McCormick vertical lift one-horse mower is so constructed that it gives good service for years.

The McCormick vertical lift one-horse mower is a practical machine for the farmer who has small acreage of hay to cut. It is especially suitable for

the truck farmer, the poultry farmer, the man who has large premises or yards, several city lots; for use in large lawns, parks, orchards, cemeteries, golf grounds, etc. The thills can be placed together for using two horses.

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Illust. 17—McCormick vertical lift one-horse mower.

Roebuck Remembered
by Irene Marlow

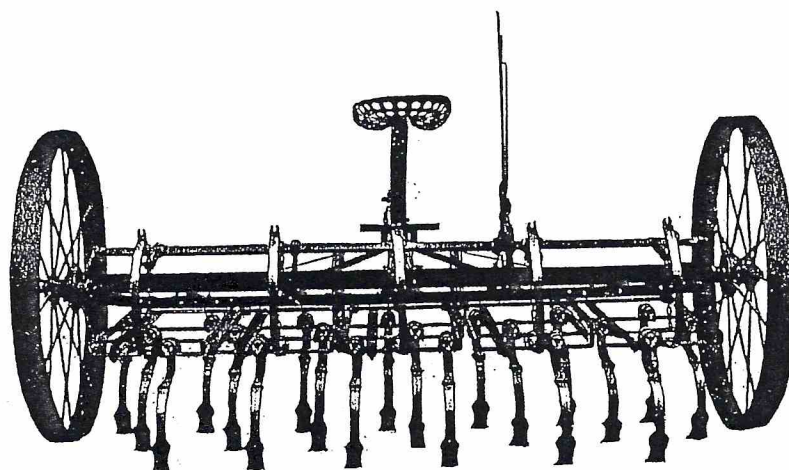
Once Marie and I were to get a free lamb from Roebuck as its mother would not claim it. So we went by the clearing to talk to Roebuck about the lamb. When we arrived he had told us to go around the house to the East Room and climb in the South Window. When we had climbed in, there was the Old Mother tied to the wall and the little lamb she would not claim. So we picked up the lamb and took it home. It was supposed to be free but Marie wound up giving Roebuck \$6.00 for it.

As we were leaving we saw an old hen sitting on a nest of eggs in an old chimney. We looked at the eggs and they were shining as the hen had set on them for some time. I told Roebuck the eggs are no good as the chicks have started to develop in them. Roebuck said they are as safe under the hen as they would be under my bed. He proceeded to eat them even if the chicks were developing.

Once when Roebuck's cows got in our corn field, we helped him run them out. As we were driving them out Roebuck said his cows didn't eat much of our corn. As we drove them out Roebuck said there goes Reddy and her calf, and her calf, and her calf and her calf.

John Loos would hire neighbors in the winter to clear land for him at so much per acre. One winter he hired Roebuck to clear land for him. Mr. Loos went to see how much Roebuck had cleared on the acre allocated to him. When he got there Roebuck had started another acre. When Mr. Loos asked him why he hadn't finished the 1st acre, Roebuck told him he knew if he started another acre, Mr. Loos would have to let him finish both of them to get his pay. Mr. Loos and his hired man then helped Roebuck finish and paid him for both acres.

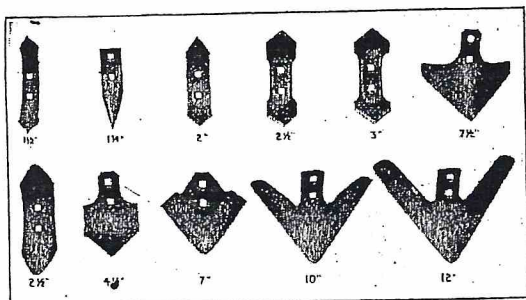
McCormick-Deering Field Cultivator



Illust. 1—McCormick-Deering Field Cultivator equipped with spring tooth gangs and reversible points.

Spring-tooth Gangs

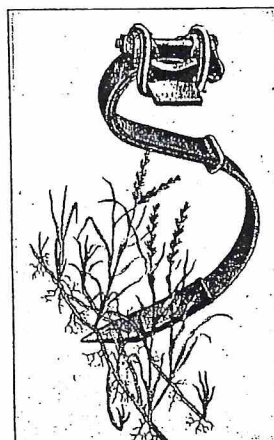
When spring-tooth gangs are wanted they must be so specified. Stiff-tooth gangs and spring tooth gangs are interchangeable. Each spring-tooth gang consists of two flat steel bars set apart and solidly connected by three flat steel cross bars to which the spring teeth are attached—there being three teeth on each gang. Each spring tooth is fitted with a strong helper spring giving additional strength for resistance in heavy soils and to assist in securing penetration in hard soils. Pressure on each gang is transmitted by a chain and stiff curved spring instead of a coil spring as used on the stiff-tooth gang.



Illust. 2—Shovels and points which can be supplied for either stiff or spring-tooth gangs.

Quack Grass Points

Special points can be supplied for use in eradicating quack grass. Quack grass cannot be killed by cutting it off at the surface of the ground, nor can it be killed by slicing the roots off beneath the surface. At each point where a root is cut new shoots will spring up. To effectively eradicate quack grass the roots must be lifted to the surface where they will wither and die in a hot sun, or where they can be raked and burned. The McCormick-Deering quack grass point is specially designed for this purpose. The tooth itself is oval with no sharp edges to cut or tear the roots, and the teeth are mounted at a sharp angle so they glide under the roots, lifting them out. The springy action of the gangs frees the roots from most of the clinging soil, leaving them exposed to the air and sun.



Illust. 3—The special quack grass point.

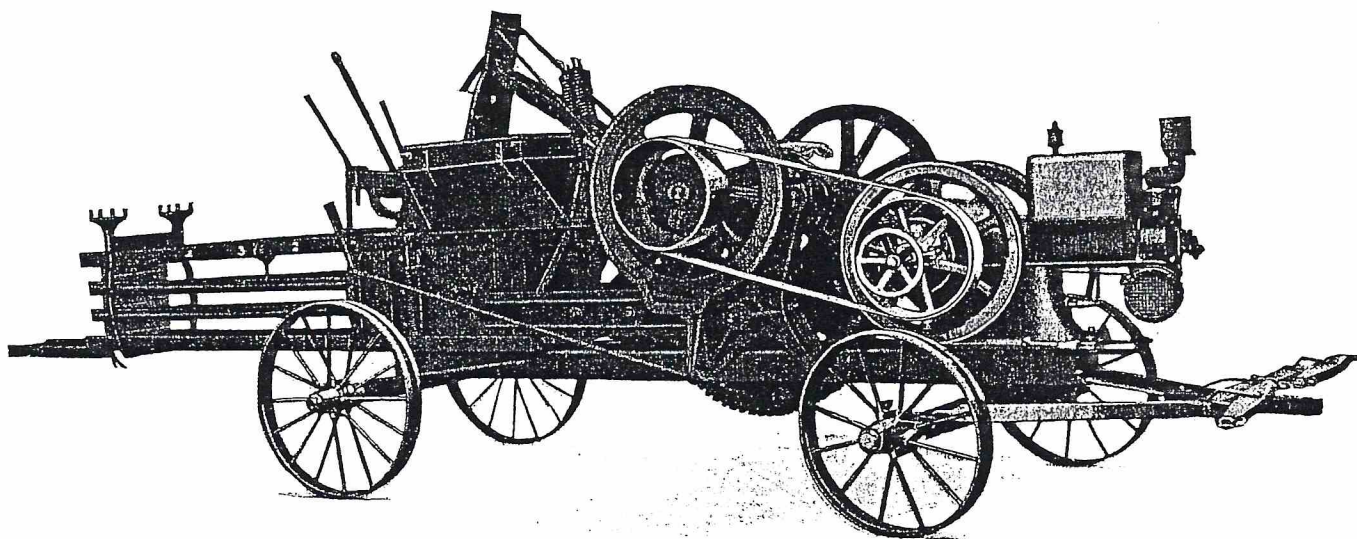
SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING FIELD CULTIVATOR

SIZE	WHEELS	TIRE	No. OF TEETH		HITCH	SHOVELS AND POINTS	POWER LIFT AND TRACTOR HITCH	FORECARRIAGE
			STIFF	SPRG.				
6 -ft.	50-in.	3-in.	9	12	3-Horse	$4\frac{1}{2}$ " 7" $7\frac{1}{2}$ " or 10" sweeps $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 2" or $2\frac{1}{2}$ " reversible teeth Quack grass teeth 12" sweeps in addition to those listed above	Extra	Not needed
$7\frac{1}{2}$ -ft.	50-in.	3-in.	11	15	4-Horse		Extra	Not needed
9 -ft.	48-in.	4-in.	13	18	6-Horse		Extra	Extra
12 -ft.	48-in.	4-in.	17	32	Tractor		Regular	Not needed

Before Mildred and Louie Wildermuth got married, Louie wanted to go over to Roebuck's house and talk to him. When he got there Roebuck was patching overalls and a shirt. After Louie arrived, Roebuck then took his patching inside and when he came out he had a container full of cracklins from butchering. They were blue with mold, but Roebuck didn't mind the mold as he ate them eagerly.

At threshing times, Roebuck would eat enough for 2 people when leaving the table he would take a handful of pickles, pie in his other hand and cake on his arm.

One time Olympia Perona, Florence Kelley and I were going to see Roebuck's house. My brother John and Paul Kelley ran ahead of us. They came hurrying back and told us not to go on as Roebuck was sitting outside in his underwear and was patching his overalls.



-McCormick-Deering power press equipped with McCormick-Deering 6 H. P. kerosene engine.

Roebuck Remembered

by Carl Giacomo

One day when Uncle Bill and his boy Carl were talking to Roebuck, the talk got around to being old and not being able to take care of yourself. Roebuck had it all figured out. He would take 3 sticks of dynamite connected to a long fuse, lay down by the dynamite and go to sleep. He would never know it when the dynamite went off. Uncle Bill said that he didn't believe he could go to sleep just thinking about how long it would take to set the dynamite off. Roebuck then allowed it wasn't as good of an idea as he thought it to be.

Roebuck had sheep and during the years he would butcher one occasionally. He would prepare a part of the carcass and then hang the remainder up in the trees so the dogs couldn't get to it. The weather was of no concern to him and the flies did not worry him. Cooking was his means of sterilization.

The Matzenbacher Bluff ran along "Possum Branch" for a long way. Roebuck got the idea that if the Bluff were leveled off, along with the bottom, it would make a nice piece of property. He started digging it down with a mattock before he realized what a job it would be. He would not live long enough to do it.

One day when Roebuck lay down in the woods for a nap, something moved across his chest and woke him. When he saw what it was, it was a copperhead snake that had crawled under the bib of his overalls and across his chest and out the other side. Carl Giacomo said that even a snake wouldn't bite him.



Illust. 1-A—McCormick-Deering Primrose cream separators are light running, skim clean and have long life. They are built in five sizes.

Roebuck once heard of a big poker game to be held in DuQuoin. After learning all the details, he walked to DuQuoin and got in the game. The story goes that he won it all and acquired quite a sum of money. Thinking that some of the losers could waylay him and rob him, maybe even kill him as he walked home. In order to avoid these people, he walked all the way home by not taking the road, but went home by walking in the farmer's fields and even in the corn fields to lose any who tried to follow.

When Roebuck wanted to make cheese, he simply filled a bucket with fresh milk and set it out in the sun. When it had soured and then clabbered he would have cottage cheese.

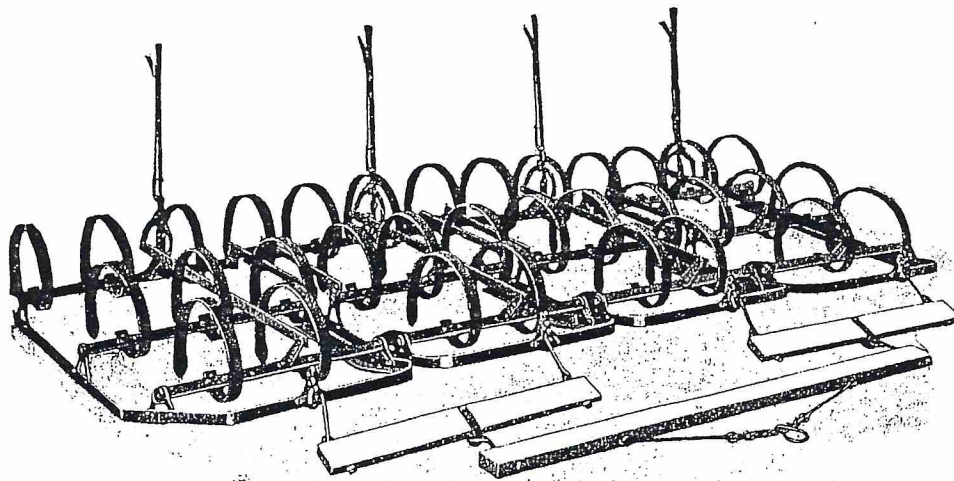
Carl said when they went to their watermelon patch to get watermelons, if 2 or 3 had been split open and heart of the watermelon (about the size of your fist) was missing, they knew Roebuck had been there.

One summer Roebuck was forced to sleep outside because the bumblebees had gotten into his straw bed and made a nest in there. Carl Giacomo went to the farm where I used to live by Roebuck. His father had acquired the place and kept cattle over there. Carl's job was to feed the cattle. One day he went to feed, he stuck the pitchfork down in the hay and the whole pile came up fast, as Roebuck was sleeping under the hay to get away from the Deer Flies. Carl said when that hay started to move it was worse than anything in life had ever scared him.

Roebuck would go to Pinckneyville and get all the overripe bananas the stores threw away. This was all he would eat until the bananas were gone or until he got the diarrhea so bad he had to quit eating them.

Carl Giacomo said the Roebuck always had a hole in his boot so his little toe could stick out through the hole.

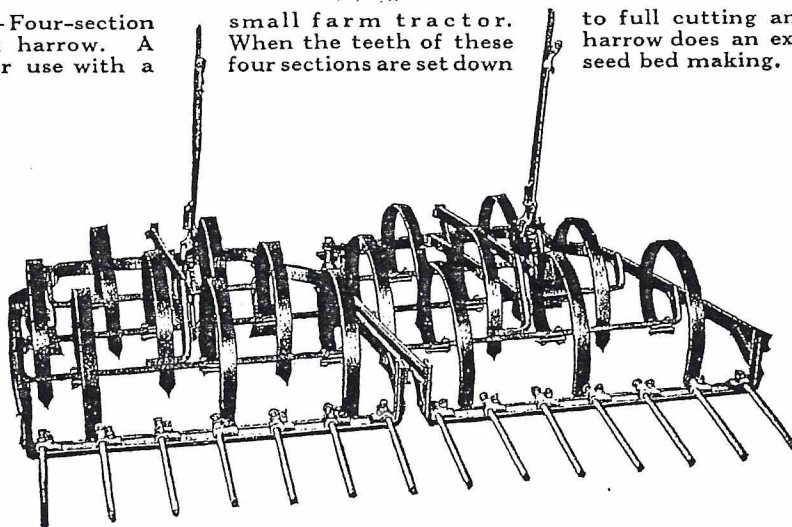
McCormick-Deering Spring-Tooth Harrows



Illust. 5—Four-section spring-tooth harrow. A good size for use with a

small farm tractor. When the teeth of these four sections are set down

to full cutting angle, this big harrow does an excellent job of seed bed making.



Illust. 6—McCormick-Deering combination spring-tooth harrow.

A Double-Action Tillage Tool

A full equipment of spring teeth makes this combination harrow do the work of a regular spring-tooth harrow, while the addition of a row of trailing stiff teeth helps to crush any lumps which may remain. The trailing teeth also have a tendency to drag out upon the surface any weeds or vines that were not entirely cut off by the spring teeth. They also have a smoothing effect on the field surface.

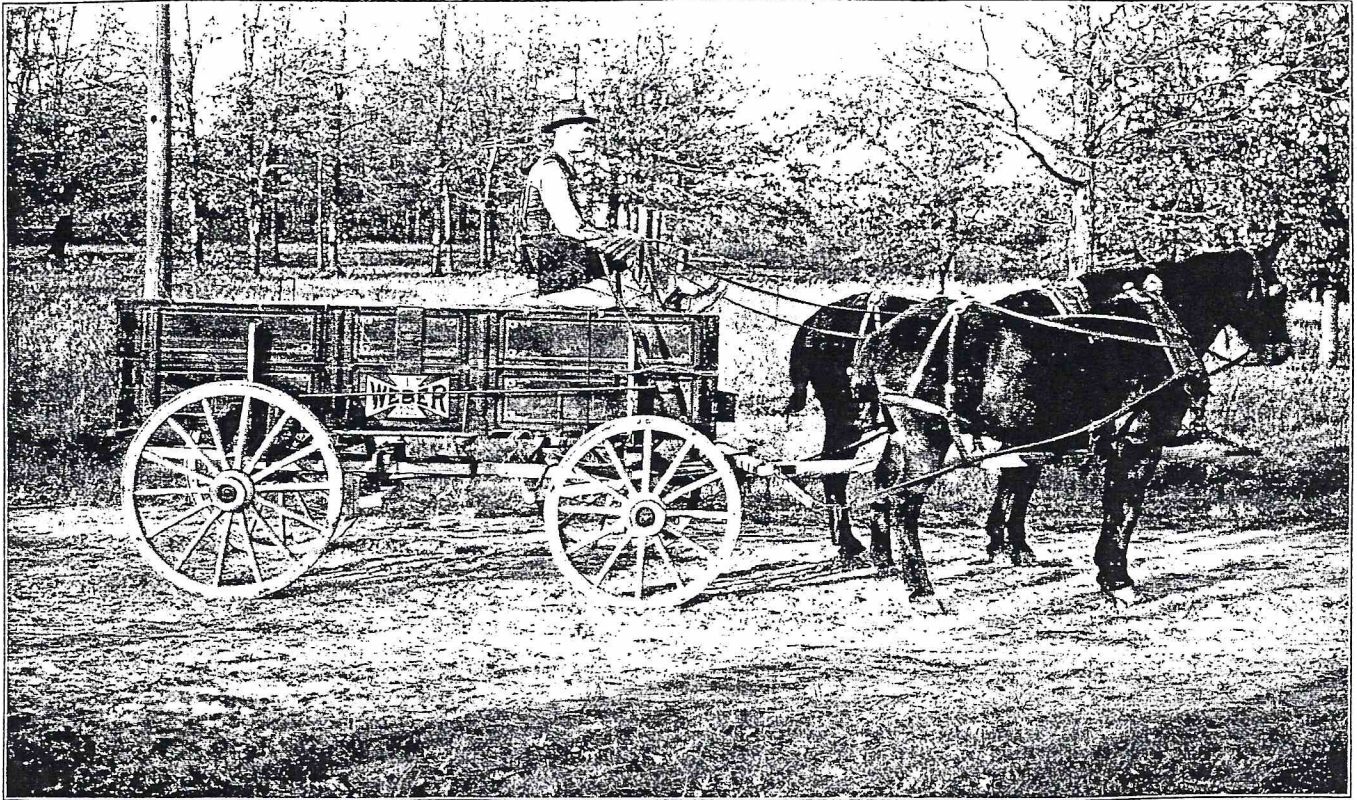
Excellent Construction

The frame is made of channel steel strongly braced with cross bars. It does not come in contact with the ground because it is held up in front by two runner shoes and in the rear by the trailing teeth. Spring teeth are spaced on the bars about 12 inches apart, giving each tooth 4 inches of ground to cultivate. The stiff trailing teeth are placed 5 inches apart.

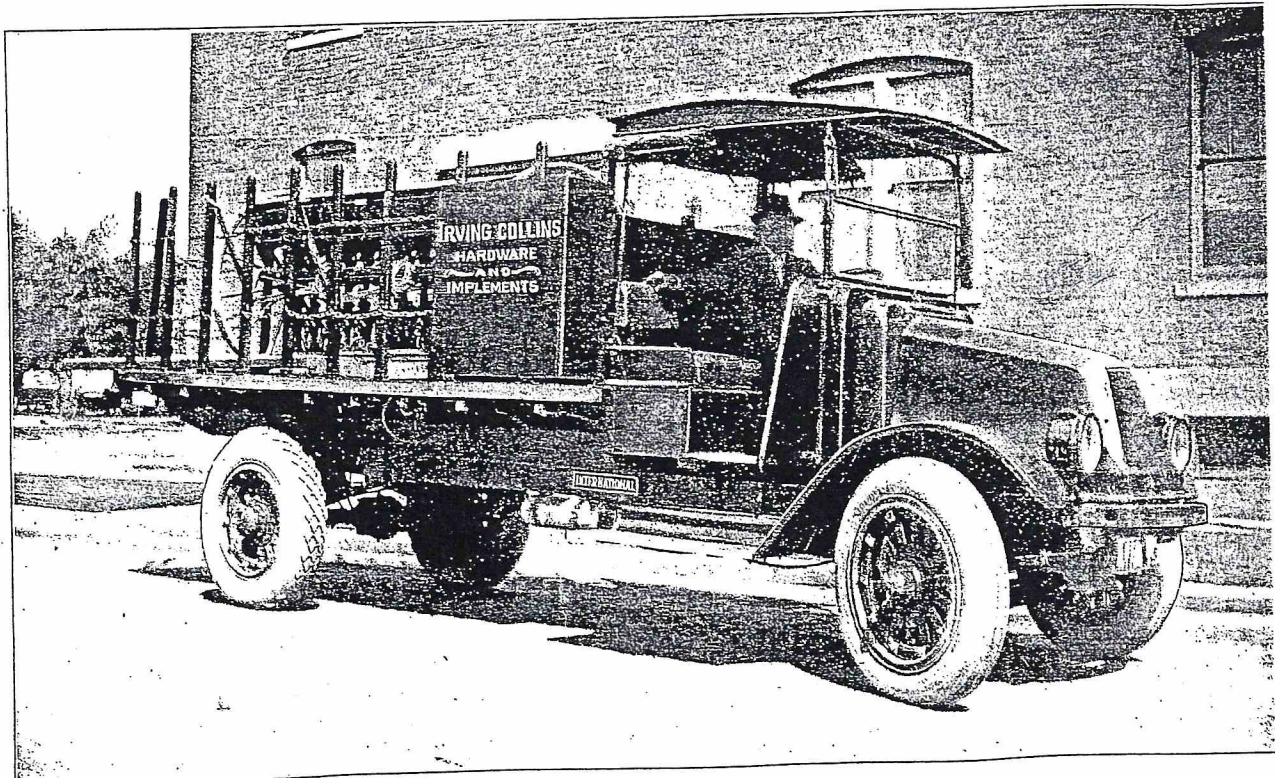
SPECIFICATIONS—COMBINATION HARROW

SIZES	DESCRIPTION	WIDTH		WEIGHT, POUNDS	ATTACHMENTS FOR ALL SIZES
		FEET	INCHES		
8-Tooth	1-Section	2	6	120	Alfalfa Teeth
16-Tooth	2-Section	5	6	257	Double Pointed Teeth
24-Tooth	3-Section	8	5	385	Quack Grass Teeth
32-Tooth	4-Section	11	0	512	Riding Sulky

Regular with Drawbar



Illust. 2—The Weber wagon is a common sight on the country roads wherever farm products are transported to market.



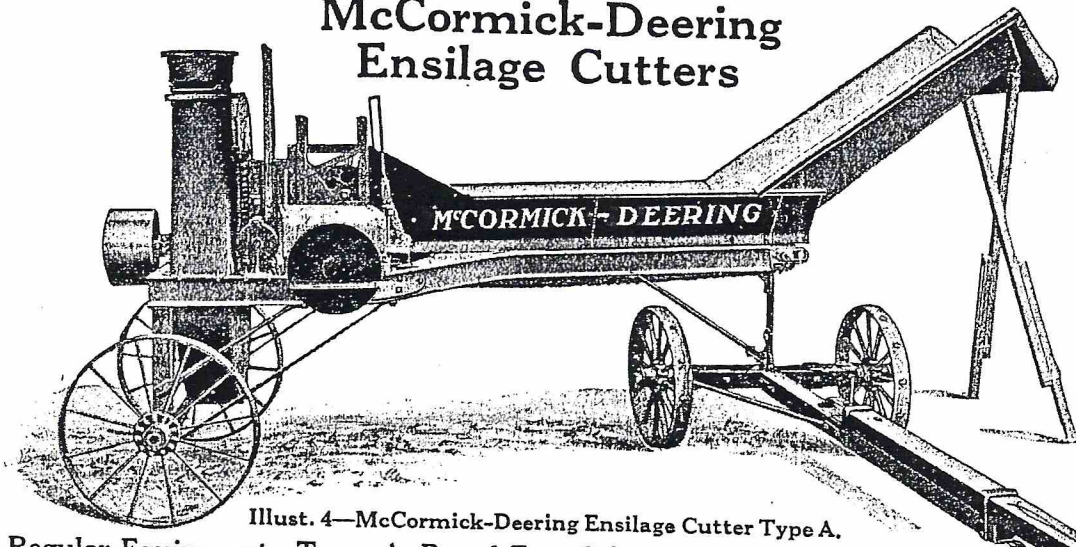
Illust. 2—The dependable, low-cost way to do hauling or delivery work is with an International Motor Truck.

One year Roebuck came to help Grandpa Giacomo thresh. Clara (Ritter) Giacomo helped to prepare the big dinner for the threshing crew. She accidentally filled the sugar bowl with salt. Roebuck loved sugar on his chicken and dumplings, so he spooned several big spoons on his chicken and dumplings. When he tasted them he said, "'meet me', somebody put salt in the sugar bowl." Aunt Mary said, "Let me throw them away and you can get some more that are not salty." Roebuck said, "I did it and I will eat them", which he did. I bet the water boy was busy with Roebuck all afternoon. If it happened to be Saturday evening when supper was served, Roebuck would eat at all three tables and then fill his pockets with pie and cake. He said he would eat heavy and do without until Monday at dinnertime.

When Uncle George Giacomo moved to Mulkeytown to work for Gus Norris, he left his baled hay in the barn in Pinckneyville, and I would haul him a truckload, as he needed it. His barn in Mulkeytown being small and space limited. Mike Comadelski, an old bachelor was renting the old home place. After Comadelski ceased to live there Roebuck moved in and brought his livestock to the barn and proceeded to feed Uncle George's hay. One day he came to Mulkeytown and asked Uncle George what he owed for the hay. Uncle George said I never sold you any hay. Roebuck said, "Well the barn was full of hay and you lived in another county, so I saved you the trouble of moving it." So, Uncle George had to buy hay locally to replace what Roebuck had fed.

Celeste (Giacomo) Epplin told me that she and her brother Earl could tell when Roebuck was coming, as they could smell him from a distance. As he approached one day Earl said Roebuck is coming and they looked towards the cow barn a distance of about 200 yards and sure enough there came Roebuck. When he got to the house he asked Aunt Mary where Uncle George was. Aunt Mary said he is drilling cowpeas in a certain field. Roebuck said, "So he is pean today." Celeste said Aunt Mary said you kids are not to talk that way, as it is not nice.

McCormick-Deering Ensilage Cutters



Illust. 4—McCormick-Deering Ensilage Cutter Type A.

Regular Equipment—Types A, B and E

Two sets of curved knives, with wrench; grind stone; corn chute; trucks; tractor hitch with extension tongue (Types A and B); pole only for Type E; traveling conveyor; flexible pipe-and-fanhouse connection; deflector.

Extra Equipment—Types A, B and E

Knives, curved or straight; shredder bars; blower pipe; distributor; flexible elbow for dry fodder.

Regular Equipment—Types F and G

Two sets of straight knives with wrench; trucks with tongue; traveling conveyor; flexible pipe-and-fanhouse connection; deflector; brackets on the Type F for transporting conveyor.

Extra Equipment—Types F and G

Extra knives, curved or straight (type G), straight only (type F). Hand feed extension table leaf, skid mounting (type F). Shredder bars, blower pipe, distributor, flexible elbow for fodder (types F and G).

Galvanized Blower Pipe (Extra Equipment)

LGTHS.	TYPES A AND B 9 IN. DIAMETER CAT. No.	TYPES E AND G 7-IN. DIAMETER CAT. No.	TYPE F 6-IN. DIAMETER CAT. No.
1-ft.	194LA	827L	1180L
4-ft.	195LA	828L	1181L
6-ft.	196LA	829L	1182L
8-ft.	197LA	830L	1183L
10-ft.	198LA	831L	Not supplied

Distributor for All Types (Extra Equipment)
Made up of deflector (regular equip.) and following:

DISTRIBUTOR PAINTED	HOPPER JOINT 3 FT. LONG ONE ONLY	TOP JOINT 2 FT. LONG ONE ONLY	REGULAR JOINTS 4-FT. LENGTHS
Cat. No...	210LA	215LB	215LA
Weight...	Both joints together, 33 lbs.		11 lbs. ea.

SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING ENSILAGE CUTTERS

	Cap. Tons per Hour, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. Cut, Cutting or Shredding	H. P. Required Kerosene or Gas. Engine	Revolutions per Minute	Diam. Flywheel, Inches	Diam. Flywheel, Shaft, Inches	Throat Width, In.	Throat Hgt., In.	Length of Cut, Inches	Regular Pulley (Covered)	Special Pulley (Covered)	Weight
Type A	16 to 25	20 to 25	500 to 700	48	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	16	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ 1	231-L Special on B	232-L 13 234-L 11 235-L 16 249-L 18	2,200 lbs.
Type B	12 to 16	15 to 20	700 to 800	42	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	14	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		233-L Special on A		1,950 lbs.
Type E	10 to 12	10 to 15	800 to 900	36	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		392-L 10 8	391-L 11 8 393-L 9 8 394-L 8 8 395-L 7 8 396-L 14 8 397-L 13 8 398-L 12 8 275-L 16 8	1,500 lbs.
Type G	8 to 10	8 to 10	800 to 900	36	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	5	Types G and F—Two Knives $\frac{3}{8}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{3}{4}$ —1	392-L 10 8		On Trucks, 1,418 lbs. On Skids, 1,159 lbs.
Type F	3 to 6	4 to 6	800 to 1000	30	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	3	With Four Knives on Type F Shorter Lengths Are Cut	1127-L 8 6	1126-L 7 6 1128-L 9 6 1129-L 10 6	On Trucks, 1,180 lbs. On Skids, 925 lbs.

Size of Truck Wheels—Type A, 3-in. tire, 26-in. rear wheel, 24-in. front wheel; Type B, 3-in. tire, 24-in. rear wheel, 22-in. front wheel; Types E, G, and F, 3-in. tire, wheels 22-in. front and rear.

A grocery store on the north side of the square in Pinckneyville burned down and all the contents were lost. I think the Keene family were owners of this store. They notified the public and anyone wanting to salvage the contents was welcome. Roebuck was one of the few who took advantage of the offer. He took several gunnysacks (burlap) of salvaged cans of food. The labels were missing. He asked Uncle George Giacomo why he did not go to get some of this free food. Uncle George said you didn't know what you were getting when you opened a can as the labels were missing. Roebuck said that's the nice part. It's like hunting Easter eggs. You get a surprise every time. After a week or two the food in cans must have spoiled as Roebuck came to Aunt Mary and asked her to prepare some strong cocoa as he had the diarrhea non-stop.



Roebuck Remembered

by Paul Kelly

One day Paul Kelly decided to cut a bee tree on Roebuck. He found a buddy to go with him, as there were no chain saws in those days. They used a cross cut saw that was operated by two men. It was close to Roebuck's house. So when they arrived, Roebuck went with them and told them that the tree they were going to cut was not a bee tree. He said he passed that tree every day and had never seen a bee come out of that tree. When they had felled the tree, sure enough there were bees in it. Roebuck was next to a bear when it came to honey, he could eat it 3 times per day

Roebuck found a bee tree that had the bee entry hole about 3 feet above the ground. It was big enough he could stick his arm in the hole and reach the comb. That was his favorite tree as he passed by he would stick his arm up the hole, grasp himself a fist full of honey and eat right there. The bees would sting him on his face and lips but he just brushed them off with his hand. It reminded one of a grizzly bear.

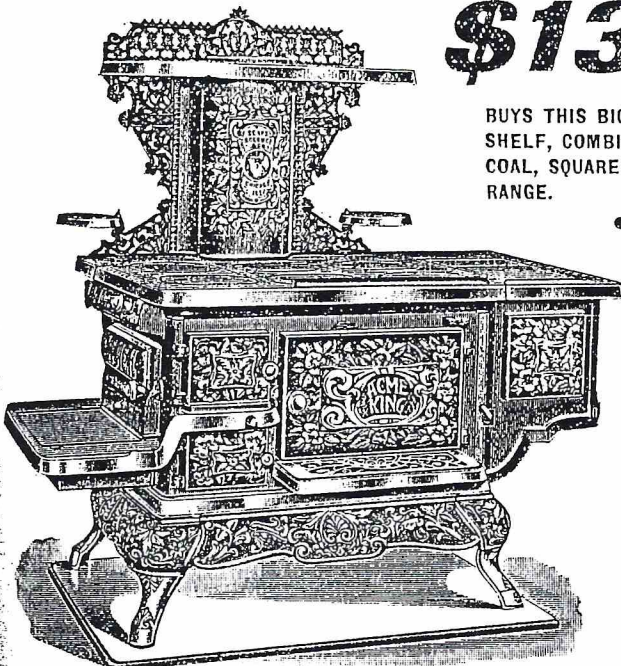
One year Roebuck butchered several hogs. As was the practice the meat was laid out on tables and salted. After being salted the required time it was time to smoke them. Roebuck decided he would smoke them all at once. So he cut the bottoms out of 3 steel barrels and stacked one on top of the other -- making three barrels high. He had punched holes in the barrels and inserted pipes through the holes. These were to hang the meat on. After hanging all the meat on the cross pipes he proceeded to build a fire in the bottom barrel. Normally you dampen your wood to keep it from burning. You just want it to smolder and make smoke. The fire started to burn and the heat from the fire started the fat to melt causing grease to drip on the fire. This caused the fire to burn better as the grease ignited the fire and the end result was that Roebuck's meat burned.

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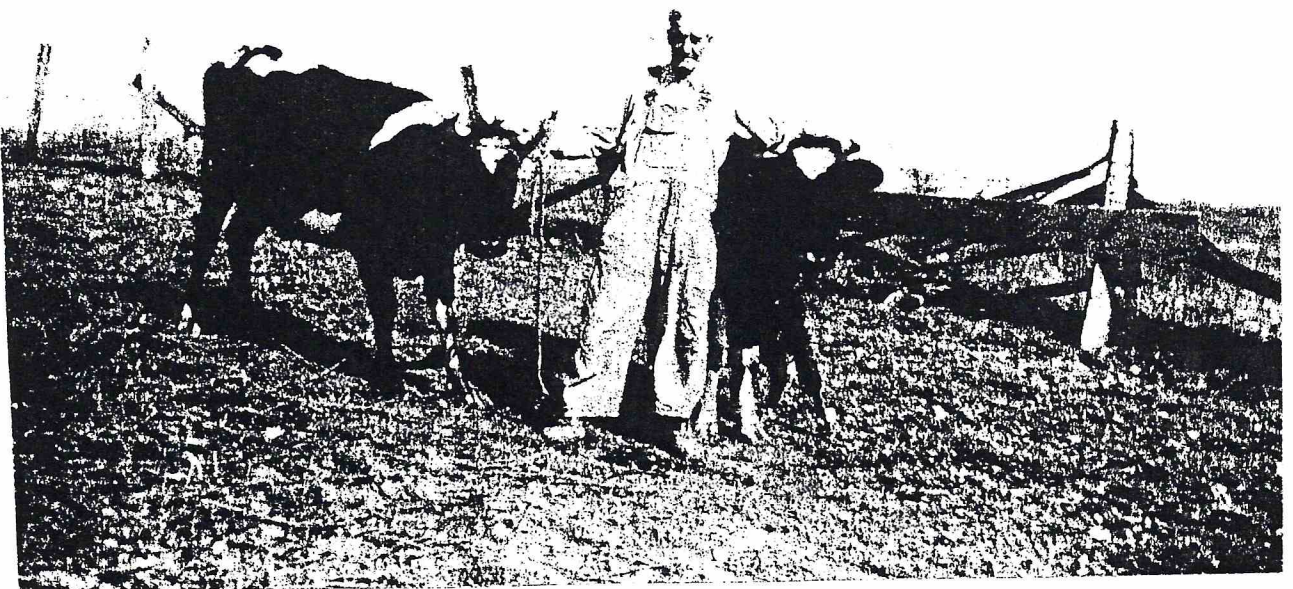
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Paul Kelly said that our cousin Wayne Giacomo would go visit Roebuck. He would climb through the window and then proceed to read the Bible to Roebuck. All the old people who could have told us if Roebuck ever went to school are long since dead. He could count, but no one knew if he could read. He enjoyed Bible reading and invited Wayne to come.

Aunt Rose had a little Rat Terrier dog named Bobby. Roebuck's steers Joe and Bobby were in Aunt Rose's clover field one day, so she sent Paul there to chase them out of her field. He took the dog (Bobby) with him and "siced" him on Bobby the steer. The little dog just didn't go out there barking at the steers, he ran up and bit the steer in the ear. Before he could turn loose, the steer threw his head up in the air to shake the dog off. Paul said he threw the little dog 15 feet in the air. He just knew the fall would kill his little dog, but luck was with him. The dog hit the ground with a thud, but in a few seconds slowly got up and walked away. Paul never did sic Bobby on anything after that.



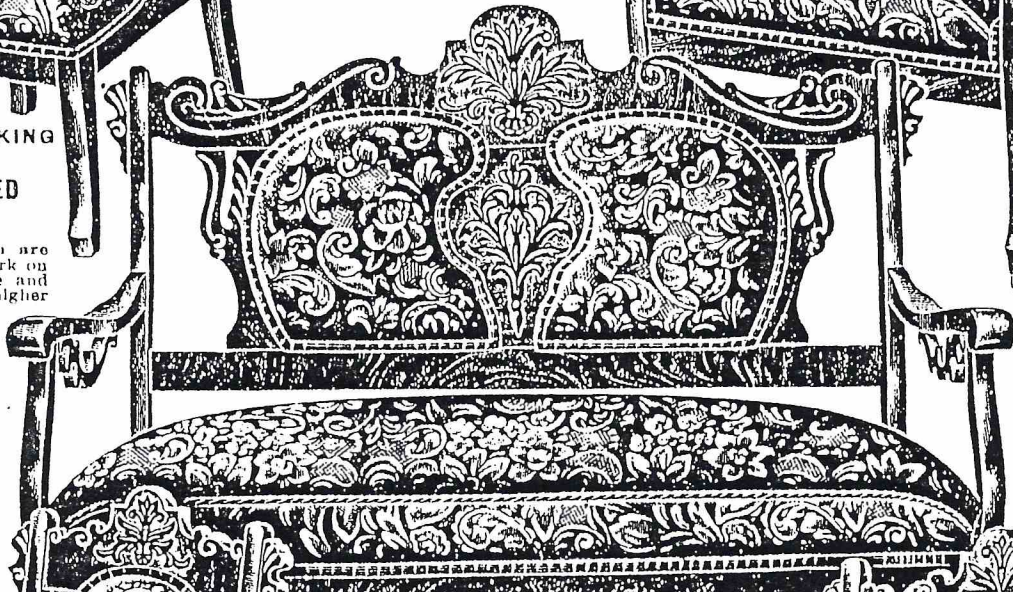
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	Crushed Plush	Mercerized Tapestry	Silk Brocatello	Silk Damask
French Gobelin Tapestry	\$6.70	\$6.80	\$6.45	\$6.95
Colored Velours	3.45	3.50	3.85	3.95
Arm Chair	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.95
Rockers	2.45	2.50	2.00	2.80
Reception Chair				

Sofa \$4.95
Arm Chair 2.80
Rockers 3.75
Reception Chair 1.95



Roebuck Remembered

by Fred Leuker

Fred Lueker and his father had a small dog named Pal. He slept in a cardboard box in their place of business. This little dog was very protective of his sleeping box. If you touched it, he would bite you on the leg. The bite was not severe, but was a warning to not touch his box. Once Roebuck came into their place of business and Pal made up with Roebuck in an instant. Roebuck would pet him and the dog was very attracted to Roebuck. Fred made the remark to his father that Pal wouldn't bite Roebuck.

One day Roebuck came into Lueker's welding shop. He had an old oil barrel he wanted the top cut out of to make a stove. After cutting the top out and a few other corrections, Roebuck asked "How much do I owe you?" Fred figured he had used about a dollar's worth of acetylene so he said \$1.00." Roebuck said, "You're too high."

Once Roebuck went into the Clover Farm Store located on the square in Pinckneyville. He purchased a whole pie and a quart bottle of soda. He came out of the store, sat down on a ledge and proceeded to eat his pie. He held the whole pie up with both hands and began to eat it. He had pie on his face from ear to ear, but seemed unaware that people would smile as they went by. He looked like a kid caught with the jam on his face.

For some reason, Fred Lueker went to Roebuck's farm one day. He was impressed with the way Roebuck fired his stove. He had a tree 8 inches in diameter stuck thru his window and into the stove. As the log burned he would just push it into the stove until it was all burned up. He would then replace it with another piece of wood by poking it through the window into the stove.

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Size.	Size of Covers.	Length of Fire Box.	Size of Oven.	Shipping Weight.	Price.
8	8 in.	20 in.	18x18x12	210 lbs.	\$10.38
8	8 in.	22 in.	20x20x12	242 lbs.	11.88
9	9 in.	22 in.	20x20x12	243 lbs.	12.18
8	8 in.	24 in.	22x22x12	288 lbs.	13.22
9	9 in.	24 in.	22x22x12	295 lbs.	13.80

CLAD SUNSHINE RANGE.

For hard or soft coal, with Reservoir.



No. 15836.

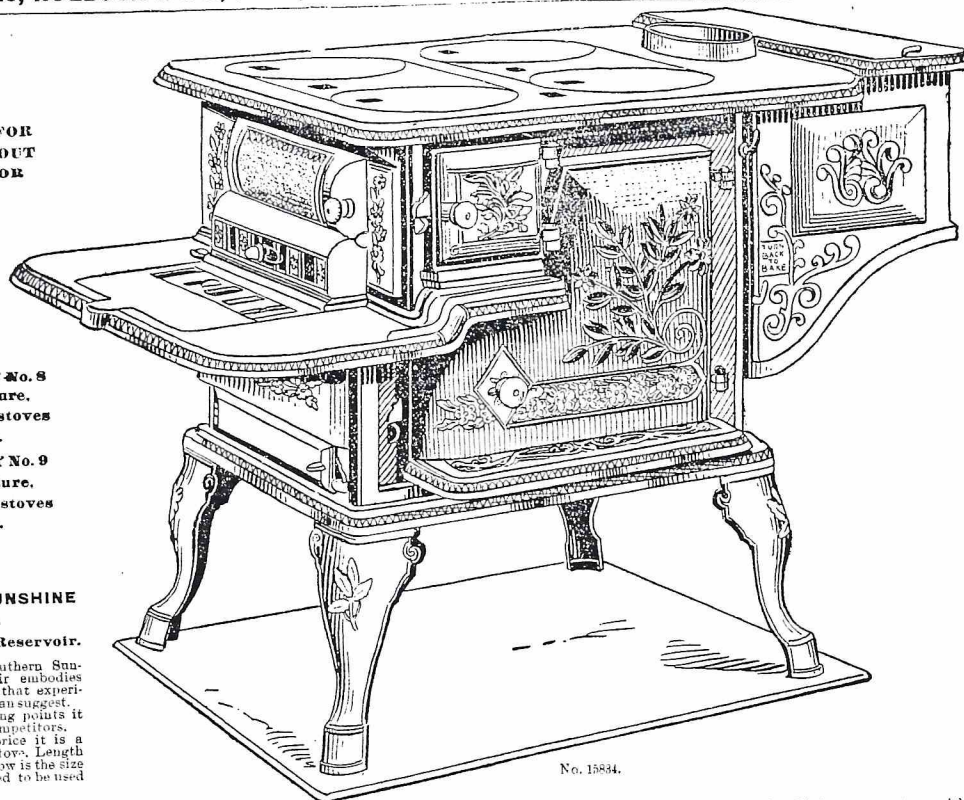
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Size.	Size of Covers.	Length of Fire Box.	Size of Oven.	Shipping Weight.	Price.
8	8 in.	20 in.	17x18x11 1/4	306 lbs.	\$19.00
8	8 in.	22 in.	19x20x12	345 lbs.	21.60

No. 15835 1/2. The Clad Sunshine Range, for hard or soft coal, without reservoir.

Size.	Size of Covers.	Length of Fire Box.	Size of Oven.	Shipping Weight.	Price.
8	8 in.	20 in.	17x18x11 1/4	270 lbs.	\$14.00
8	8 in.	22 in.	19x20x12	302 lbs.	16.75

Water-back and couplings, extra \$4.00.

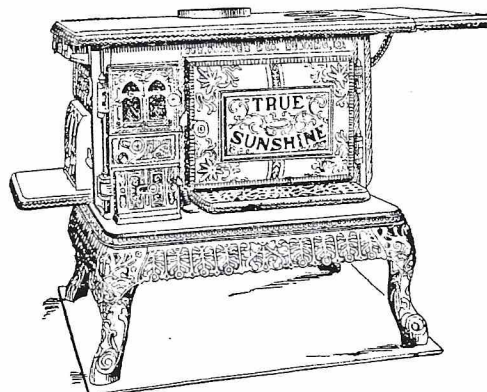


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15835. Southern Sunshine Cook, for wood. Plain square stove without reservoir. The length of the box given below is the size when stove is ordered to be used for wood.

Size.	Size of Covers.	Length of Fire Box.	Size of Oven.	Shipping Weight.	Price.
7	7 in.	18 in.	16x17x12	138 lbs.	\$ 5.97
8	8 in.	20 in.	18x18x12	155 lbs.	7.56
8	8 in.	22 in.	20x20x12 1/2	191 lbs.	8.88
9	9 in.	22 in.	20x20x12 1/2	197 lbs.	9.00
8	8 in.	24 in.	22x22x13 1/2	225 lbs.	10.88
9	9 in.	24 in.	22x22x13 1/2	230 lbs.	10.88

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Size.	Size of Covers.	Length of Fire Box.	Size of Oven.	Shipping Weight.	Price.
7	7 in.	13 in.	13x14x10	180 lbs.	\$ 9.33
8	8 in.	15 in.	15x16x10 1/4	225 lbs.	10.80

Water-back and couplings, extra \$4.00.

Roebuck Remembered

by Bill Kelly

After Uncle Palmer Kelly had been dead a few years, Roebuck began to come to Aunt Rose's house quite often. Word got around that he wanted to marry Aunt Rose. Billy, the youngest of the siblings, said he would shoot him before he would allow her to marry Roebuck.

One day on one of his frequent visits Billy was playing with his B B gun when he saw Roebuck coming. Billy went into a small building to hide. Roebuck saw him enter the building. Curiosity got the best of him, so he goes to the building where Billy is hiding. He opened the door and stuck his head inside. When he did, Billy shot him between the eyes with his B B gun. Roebuck made a quick trip to the house and told Aunt Rose she had better corral young Billy before he hurt somebody.

One day my cousin Billy Kelley said he was driving a team of horses hitched to a wagon. He was going out of the Matzenbacher bottom up a steep hill when the horses stopped and refused to go further. He then walked up the hill to see what the horses were afraid of. He found Roebuck lying on the ground fast asleep, snoring loudly. This was what the horses were afraid of. The Timber Rattler was abundant in this area. The horses probably thought it was a rattler.

One summer Roebuck worked at the Howard Kelly Sawmill. During the hot summer day Roebuck remarked that he would have rabbit for supper that evening. Some of the hands who worked at the sawmill said rabbits are not fit to eat in the summer as they have warbles in them. A big worm that lives in under the skin or the throat of the rabbit. After the weather gets to freezing at night, the worms disappear and people begin to eat them. Roebuck said this rabbit was a roadkill and he had hid it in a culvert and would pick it up on his way home. The "wolves" didn't bother Roebuck.

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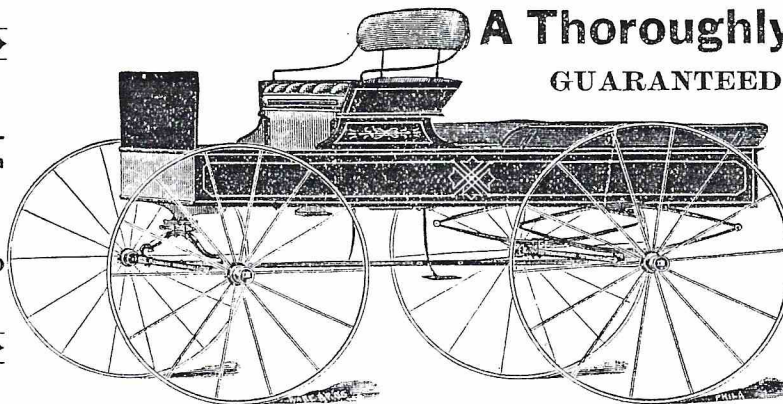
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Roebuck Remembered by John Giacomo

One morning one of Roebucks neighbors saw Roebuck coming out of a cornshock on his hands and knees. As he walked up to Roebuck, he asked, "What were you doing in that cornshock?" He was noted for storing melons, pumpkins and squash in the shocks for eating purposes, Roebuck said "I thought it would be a chilly night so I crawled in there to sleep, but it got awfully hot in there.

When Roebuck had ordered a ladies coat thinking he would get the model as well as the coat, but only the coat came, Nick Malano was the one who started calling Charlie Feik "Roebuck", and the name stuck with him until he died.

One day as Roebuck was eating at a threshing crew table, he remarked that for breakfast, he had eaten a large amount of jelly on several eggs. He would always watch as he ate to see if anybody would use the "Jelly Bowl". As he was about to finish his meal he would grab the Jelly Bowl and eat the entire contents.



Roebuck Remembered

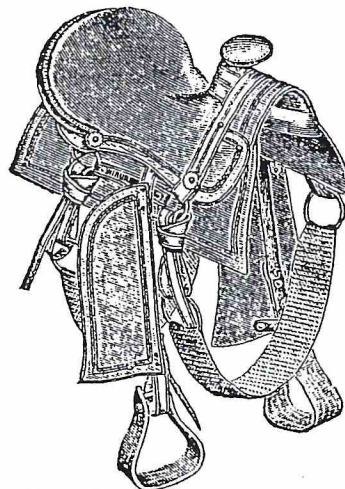
by Lynn Garrish

One day Roebuck went someplace and as was his habit, he always walked the shortest distance between two points even if it was across someone's yard. As he went between the house and barn of this place they had a very mean watchdog and the owner witnessed the incident. He said his dog walked towards Roebuck stiff legged with the hair standing up on his neck, growling very hard. The owner was watching all the while and saw Roebuck backing very slowly and feeling behind him to see if he could find a weapon of some kind. He finally backed up to a building where he felt an old hame off of a horse harness. He grasped it and then spoke to the dog. He said, "You been doing all the talking so I'll talk to you now". I never heard how the story ended but I assume the dog went one way and Roebuck went on his way.

One day Roebuck was to appear in court for something. So he goes to see Judson Harris. Harris had beat Roebuck in a court case. So Roebuck told Harris, "You slicked me on one case, now I want you to slick this one for me".

Roebuck spent his last days in the Fair Acres Nursing Home in DuQuoin. Before he had gone to the Nursing home he went to Pyatt's Funeral Home to pick out his casket. He picked the smallest one they had because it was the cheapest. Fuzz Pyatt said, "Charlie you're too big to fit in that casket". But he insisted after his feet and part of his legs had been amputated. Roebuck told Fuzz, "Now I can fit in that cheap casket." You will read in this book where Billie Feik gave Roebuck a decent burial.

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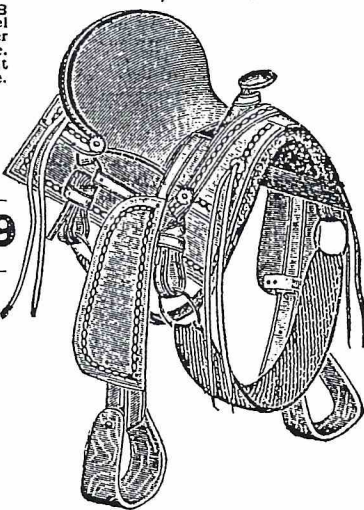
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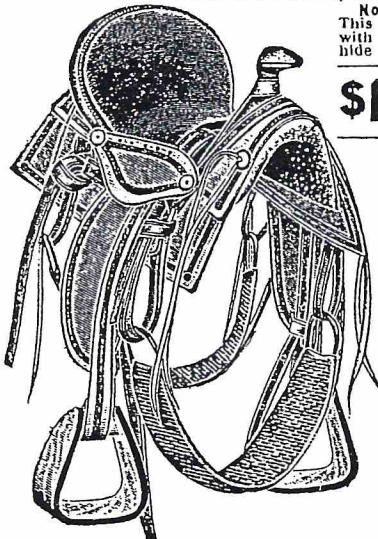
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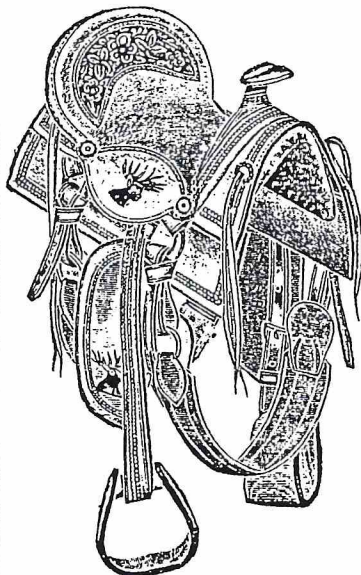
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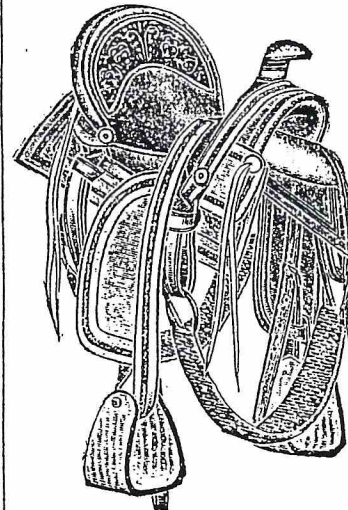
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No. 10K1301
Made of Du oak tanned leather skirting. 21-inch skirts. Solid 1½-inch STIRRUP STRAPS to buckle long enough for average man extra heavy STIRRUPS. Saddle is double with front of running around horn. The used in this

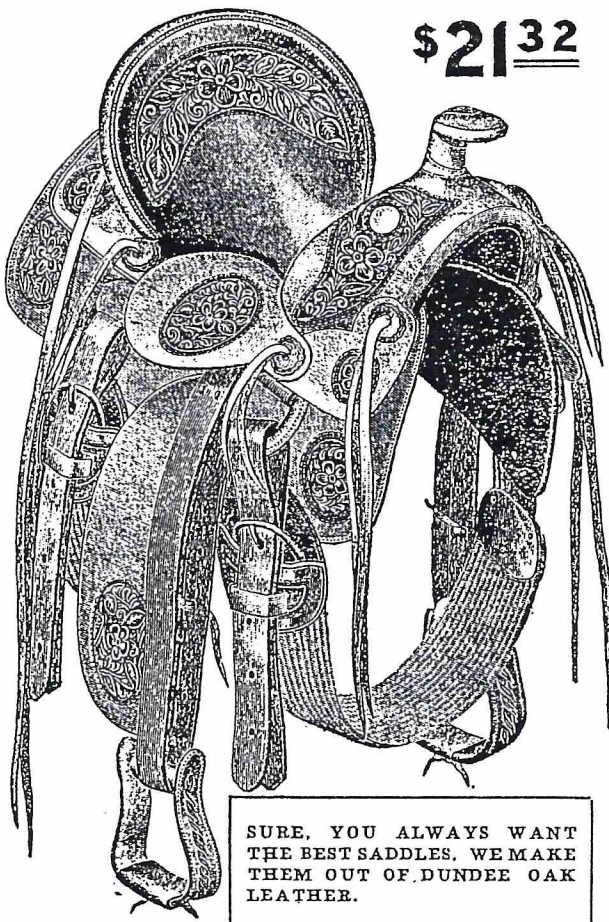
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is a good hide covered with steel LEATHER with a heavy cantle. SKIRTS of saddle are 22½ inches unlined. The die is made of special strong parts. Woven HAIR CINCHES ring on each end and 1½-inch

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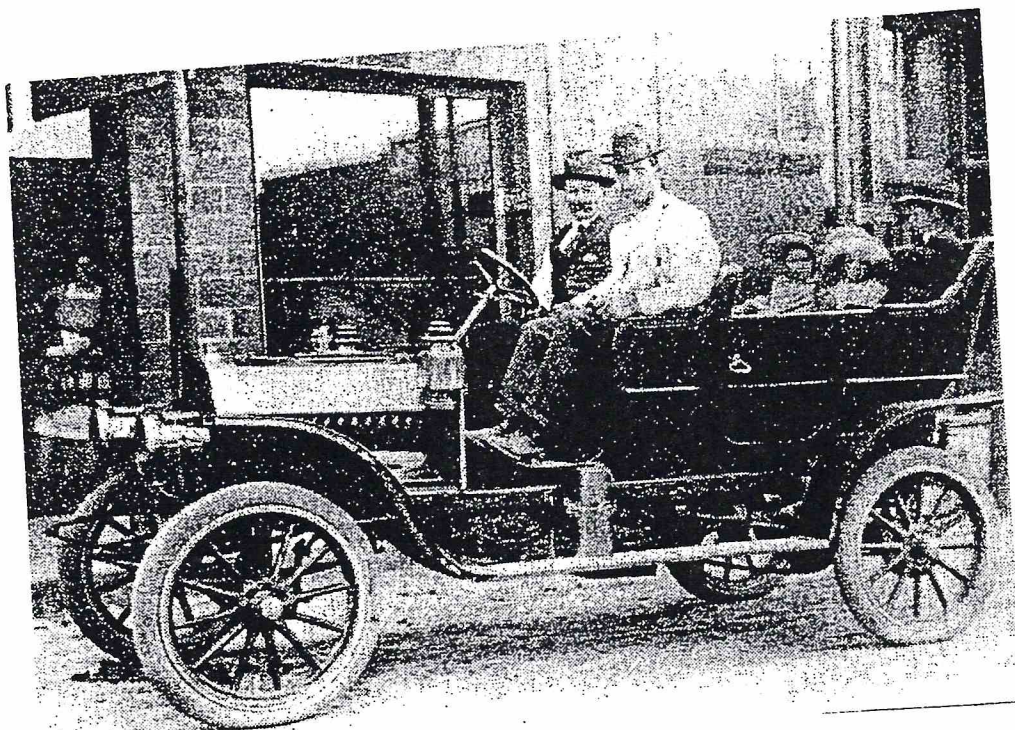
No. 10K1306 Made on 15-inch swell fork tree, 25-inch round cornered skirts, sheepskin wool lined, solid seat and jockey in one piece. Steel fork, bound or roll cantle; TIE STRAPS, 1½ inches extra long on the near side to buckle and 1½ inches to buckle on the off side; 2-inch STIRRUP LEATHERS to lace with 15-inch fender attached; steel leather covered STIRRUPS. This is a medium weight stock saddle. Remember, this saddle is made on a strictly new, up to date swell fork tree, with good heavy steel horn, leather covered and low cantle. We use the very best quality of Dundee oak saddle skirting in this saddle. The leather is especially tanned and prepared for strictly high grade stock saddles. The parts of this saddle where the most wear and strain is expected are extra heavy and strengthened so as to give the very best service. Every part of this saddle is made good and strong. The saddle as constructed is easy on the horse's back, will not gall or pinch the shoulders. The solid seat and jockey in one piece makes it very easy on the rider. Compare this saddle with similar saddles of any other make and if you do not find it is a better bargain, a better saddle, made out of better saddle skirting, than any other saddle at a higher price, you can return this saddle and we will cheerfully refund your money. Weight of saddle, packed for shipment, about 32 pounds.

Price...\$21.32

Roebuck Remembered by Leo Morski

One day as Roebuck was going to town a neighbor came along and offered Roebuck a ride. After Roebuck got in and as the man started the car, it gave a big lunge. Roebuck said, "Stop and let me out." Roebuck had his pockets full of eggs and at the lunge of the car, it had broken all the eggs in Roebuck's pockets.

Leo Morski said Roebuck butchered a big steer one day. The steer hide was then taken to town to be sold. When Roebuck arrived with the steer hide, he asked the buyer to put it on the scale and wait a while. He thought the hide would get heavier as when you held it, it seemed to get heavier after a while.



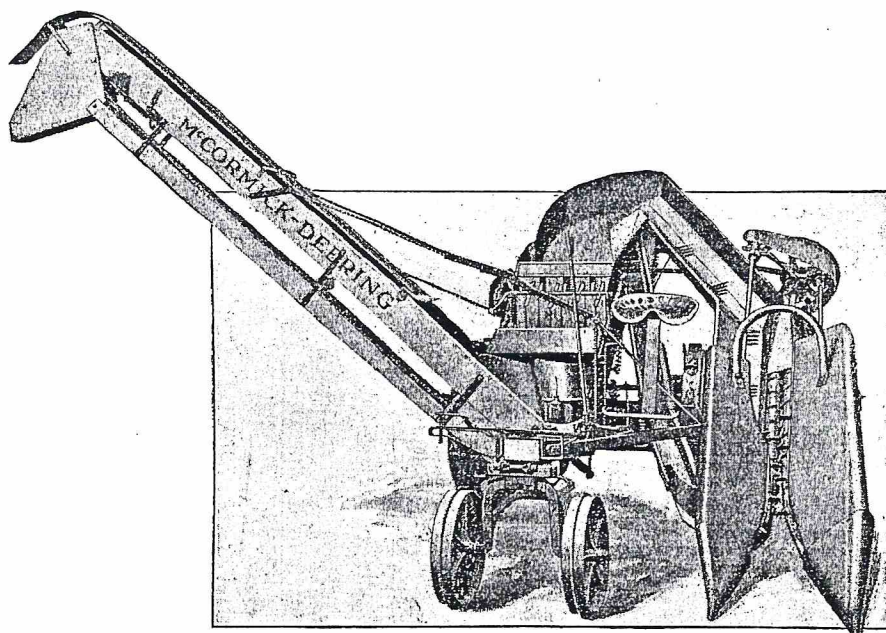
Roebuck Remembered

by Bill Bruns

Roebuck went to Sparta one night to get in a card game. Having won a large sum of money, he began to have doubts about the character of his fellow players. He decided that he should get out while he still had his winnings. He asked if there was an outdoor toilet handy. He was told there were no outside toilets in town. You will have to use the bathroom to relieve yourself. After he was shown the location of the bathroom, he goes in and locks the door behind him. Being a large man, Roebuck had to remove the complete bathroom window so he could get through to the outside. After he didn't return for the game, the others began to look for him. Roebuck, after climbing out the window, went to hide in some shrubbery and lay still on the ground. It being dark, they never did find him.

Roebuck had sold some hogs. When the buyers came for them, Roebuck had no pen to corral them in, no chute to load them. The buyers asked Roebuck how they could catch and load the hogs. Roebuck said he had a sizeable piece of woven wire that they could surround the hogs with and herd to the truck. He would then personally load them. The two men agreed it was worth a try. So, each got a hold on the ends of the woven wire and they let Roebuck hold the middle of the wire. When they closed them in behind the truck, the hogs being wild and running loose all their lives, spooked and crashed the woven wire. The two buyers let loose of the wire and ran to keep the hogs off them. Roebuck being in the middle had no place to go. The hogs knocked him down, the wire on top of him, and all the hogs ran over him. The men said when Roebuck got up, he looked like he had survived a tornado.

McCormick-Deering Corn Picker



Illust. 1—McCormick-Deering Corn Picker. Only one man is required to operate the machine.

Picks Five to Seven Acres a Day

The McCormick-Deering corn picker has made hand picking or husking unnecessary. Where the owner has enough corn so that all the stalks are not required for fodder, the McCormick-Deering corn picker is, from the standpoint of time and labor, one of the greatest money-saving machines ever produced. The average man can pick about one acre of corn per day, by hand while the McCormick-Deering corn picker will pick, husk and load on to a wagon the crop on five to seven acres per day without anybody doing an extraordinary amount of hard work.

Horse or Tractor Power

One man and a tractor or four to five horses, if a tractor is not available, are required to operate the picker itself. Two or more wagons with drivers and teams are needed to haul the husked corn to the crib. The number of teams depends upon the distance that the corn has to be hauled from the field to the crib. One wagon is driven parallel with the picker and an elevator on the picker loads the husked corn into the wagon.

Roller Bearings Make Light Draft

The McCormick-Deering is an unusually light draft machine for its weight and the work it ac-

complishes. Easy operation has been secured by the use of thirty-seven roller bearings. All boxes are self-aligning so that binding of the shafts and excessive wear on the bearings is eliminated.

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Regular Equipment

Forecarriage
Ear corn elevator
Tongue
Hitch for five horses

Extra Equipment

Tractor hitch (see index)
Extended point for inner gathering shoe supplied with tractor hitch
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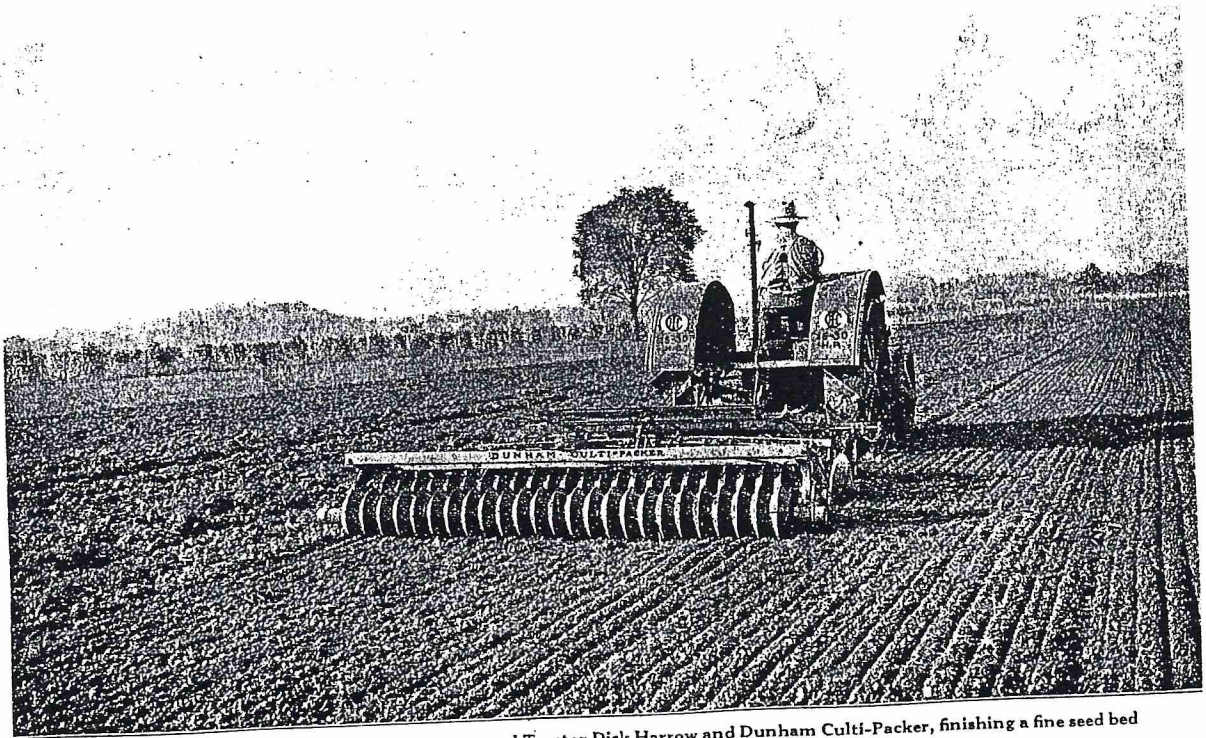
SPECIFICATIONS—McCORMICK-DEERING CORN PICKER

LENGTH,	WIDTH,	HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT OF ELEVATOR	HEIGHT WITHOUT ELEVATOR	PICKING CAPACITY, PER DAY	SHIPPING WEIGHT,
144 in..	189 in.	9½ to 11½ ft.	6½ ft.	5 to 7 acres	3280 lbs.

Roebuck Remembered by Jerry Kelly

Jerry Kelly was playing around his dad's sawmill one day with his B B gun. After target practice, he began to look around to see if anything interested him. As he walked around a pile of lumber, there lay a man on the ground all stretched out and Jerry presumed he was dead. He said he ran as fast as he could to tell his dad he had found a body. His dad (Paul Kelly) said does he have a white scrawny beard and is dirty? Jerry said that describes him. His dad said that is Roebuck taking a nap. He'll probably be gone when you go back. Jerry went back to see and sure enough Roebuck had finished his nap and was gone.

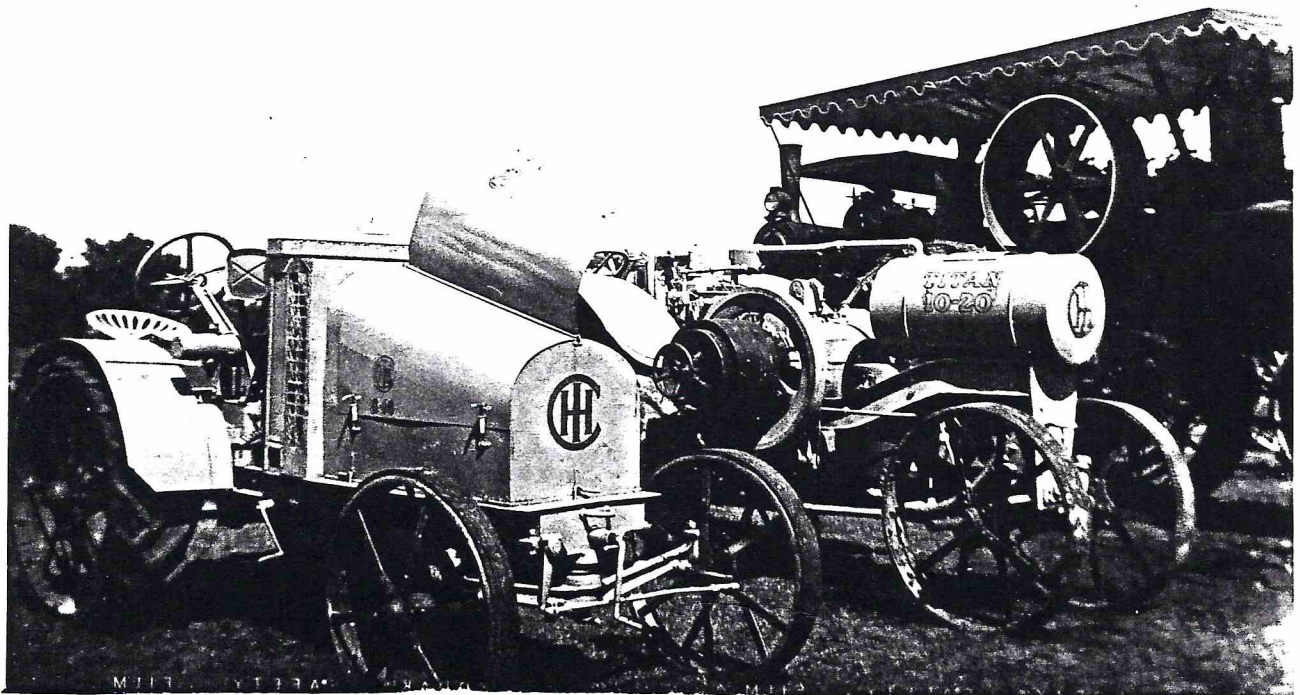
Roebuck would walk to Pinckneyville and buy a sack full of stale, moldy bread. He would then go home and get a bucket and go milk a cow to get a half-bucket of milk. He would then get a half loaf of bread and wipe all the milk out of the bucket, turn the bucket upside down on a fence post until he would eat again. That was usually in 2 or sometimes 3 days.



-McCormick-Deering 15-30 Tractor and Tractor Disk Harrow and Dunham Culti-Packer, finishing a fine seed bed at the rate of twenty acres a day.

Roebuck Remembered by Bill Frederking

Bill Frederking, a carpenter by trade, used to give Roebuck a ride home if he saw him while working in Pinckneyville. Bill lived in Coulterville. One day Bill bought a new pickup truck and that day he saw Roebuck was in town. So he told Roebuck if I give you a ride home today, it will cost you \$.50 if you ride in the cab with me, but it will only be \$25 if you ride in the truck bed. So Roebuck went and found a rusty old bucket for a seat and was sitting in the bed of the truck when Bill was ready to leave. Bill said he never intended to charge Roebuck, he only said that to see where he chose to ride.



Roebuck Remembered
by Jacob "Jakie" Lunnemann

Roebuck used to go to the Fritz Loos place to gather a plant called mullen. He would use it as a medicine. He pulled the mullen up by the root and lay it on top of Fritz's hog house to dry. One day he went to the Loos home to collect the dry mullen. Roebuck had been eating honey on his way and had honey on his hands and face. The mullen leaves were hairy and resembled tobacco leaves. Roebuck managed to get the dry, hairy part all over his face and hand so he resembled a gray ghost.

One day while Roebuck was helping a neighbor, he was asked to come in for dinner. When he had seated himself, he reached for the molasses bowl and filled his plate with molasses. He then reached for the cottage cheese and covered the molasses with cottage cheese. The neighbor asked Roebuck how he was going to eat it. Roebuck answered, "I'm going to spoon it".

Once Roebuck was walking by August Kiehna's house. August had a big, mean dog. When the dog saw Roebuck, he gave chase. August said he could hear Roebuck's feet hitting the blacktop road as he ran. Some time later Roebuck told August Kiehna how he had outrun the dog who had given up on the chase.

Roebuck had an 80 acre tract that he had purchased from Charles Yung. This was part of Roebuck's childhood home located south of Brush Prairie School, northwest of Pinckneyville, Illinois. Roebuck had stopped making payments including the interest. Roebuck was put in jail and they had to go to court to settle. The case was tried by Harry Smith, Justice of the Peace, and held at the Sherman House Hotel. Roebuck said he had the stamps, but no dollars. After the trial, Roebuck made the statement, "I have an interest in the jail and the county poor farm. I would sell my interest in the jail cheap, but I intend to keep my interest in the poor farm."

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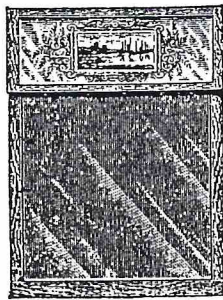


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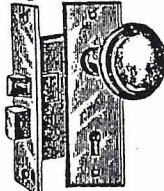
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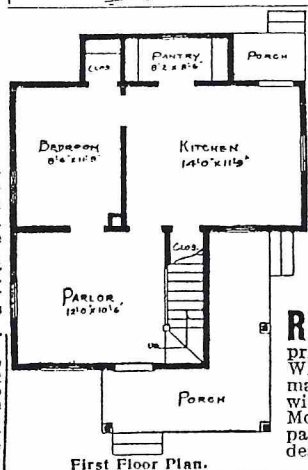
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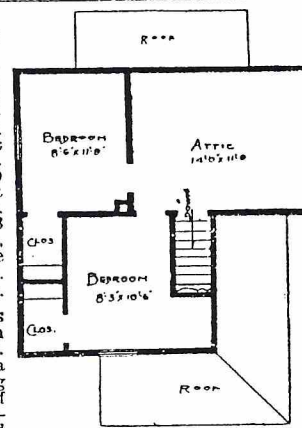


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First Floor Plan.



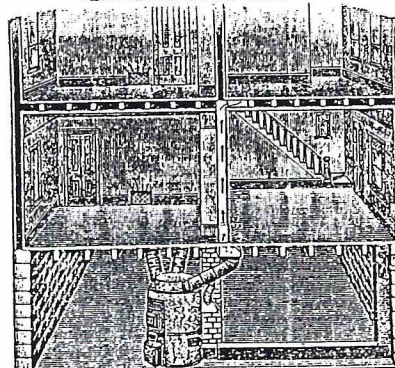
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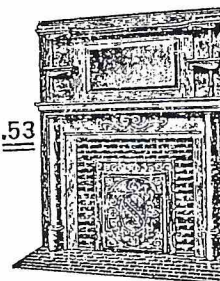


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One year Roebuck came to help Jacob "Jakie" Lunneman cut corn. He was carrying a sack on his shoulder. Jakie said he could see juice running out of the sack. Roebuck told Jakie he had paw paws in the sack and to help himself to them. Jakie said he didn't care for paw paws and that he had just eaten breakfast. When dinner time came, Jakie's wife had prepared the meal in the basement. As they were getting ready to eat, Jakie noticed a hole in Roebuck's shirt and some bare flesh was exposed. Evidently this was out of range of Roebuck's vision. Jakie looked and there he saw a big dog tick that was so full it burst as Jakie pulled it off Roebuck's skin.

Roebuck came to Jakie's place one day and said, "I'm bullin". Jakie assumed he was wanting to borrow a bull to breed his cows. Roebuck said he wanted to eat him as that meat is strong and stays with you all day long. Jakie said, "That's right if you can stand it."

One day when they were threshing at Charlie's (Charles Yung) place, Jakie asked Roebuck what he usually ate. "Vell" Roebuck said, "the mulberries ripen first and I eat them. Then the dew berry ripen, then its black berries and then its watermelons, pumpkins, squash and in the fall time, its paw paws and persimmons". Roebuck was noted for going around the neighborhood planting watermelons, pumpkins and squash in the old straw stacks and hay stacks.

Once when Jakie and his wife, Helen were returning from the National Stock Yards in East St. Louis, they saw Roebuck walking along the highway (Route 13) near Tilden, Illinois. Jakie said, "There's Roebuck. I've got to give him a ride". Helen said, "You're not going to let him ride in here". Jakie said, "No, he can ride in the back". When Jakie got to Marion Kunkel's, he stopped to let Roebuck off. The truck rack was a fold down and Jakie reached up and got Roebuck's foot to help, but Roebuck refused saying, "No, I can do it". Jakie offered to take him closer to home, but Roebuck refused; he didn't want to impose on his neighbors.

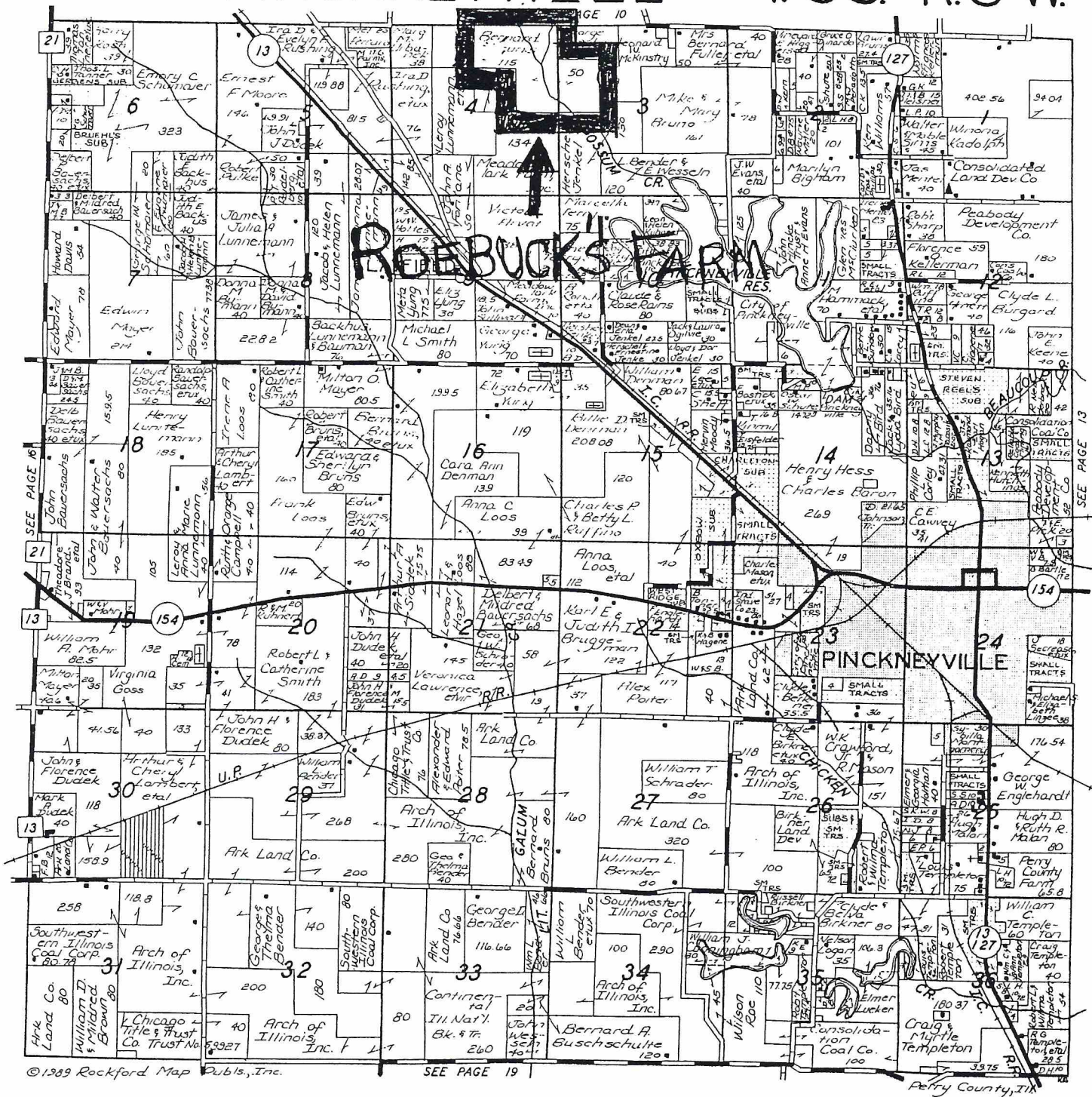
Roebuck went to the Stotlar Drug Store in Pinckneyville where the Sherman House Hotel used to be. He asked the druggist for some blow out medicine. The druggist didn't know what a blow out was. So Roebuck said, "I need a physic. I'm all bound up". So the druggist said now I know and I will fix you up. So the druggist fixed up a prescription and Roebuck took it there in the drug store. Jakie (Lunnemann) said he went in the store a few days later and Joe, the druggist, asked if he had seen Roebuck. Jakie said yes I saw him and asked if the blow out medicine had worked. Roebuck said it worked so well, "I took my overalls off and hung them on a post. When the pain hit me, I just bent over". Jakie asked Roebuck what he did to stop it. Roebuck replied, "Vell, I got me a big piece of fat, put it in a pot, boiled it, then drank the juice". Jakie said that should have greased you where you could go better. Roebuck agreed it worked and stopped the flow.

Jakie cut a quarter mile hedge row north of Coulterville, Illinois. He went to see if Roebuck could help him. Roebuck was still in bed. He had a hole in the roof so he could put a long pole through the hole into the stove without cutting it into pieces. When Jakie went in, he said the house was full of smoke and he asked Roebuck how he could stand being in a house filled with smoke. Roebuck said when I am in bed, I am below the smoke. Jakie said Roebuck had chickens in the house and turkeys on the roof. Jakie asked Roebuck about the chickens that roosted on the bedstead. Roebuck said I turn them around before I go to sleep. Note--I personally still think that chickens do turn on the roost at night.

Roebuck was good at gambling. When the farm workers stopped for lunch, they sometimes would shoot dice. Roebuck would kneel down and play. He loved to gamble.

Roebuck used to gamble at the Windsor Hotel that stood across the street from the I.C. Depot in Pinckneyville. He loved to play poker and roll the dice. He told Jakie, "If I am a big winner, I take a different way home". Roebuck also loved to go to Dave Cavailgas where he enjoyed games of chance.

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Roebuck used to use the old granary where I lived after the house and barn were gone. He had Jakie haul weed seed from the grain cleaners over there and Roebuck would bury his pumpkins and squash in the weed seed. When winter set in, he fed his cattle the pumpkins as well as the weed seed. He said his cattle could get so hungry they were dangerous when he tried to feed them. "Dutch" Ferraro told me (Pete Perona) that Roebuck had only a 2 day supply of food for his cattle. When Roebuck was in the hospital, "Dutch" would take his own cattle feed for Roebuck's.

One day when Jakie was in Dr. Kane's office, Roebuck came in and asked the dentist his fee for pulling a tooth. The dentist told him and Roebuck asked if it were cheaper without the medicine. The dentist said yes it is a little cheaper, but the pain will be worse. Roebuck said, "I'll take it without the medicine".

After Roebuck had his foot removed, he crawled around the square on his hands and knees, One day he crawled to the hospital and asked for his foot which had been previously removed. He "loused" it would make good fish bait. At the hospital he was told his foot was destroyed at the time of removal.

Roebuck once told Jakie he could live one year on thirty dollars. Jakie agreed with him.



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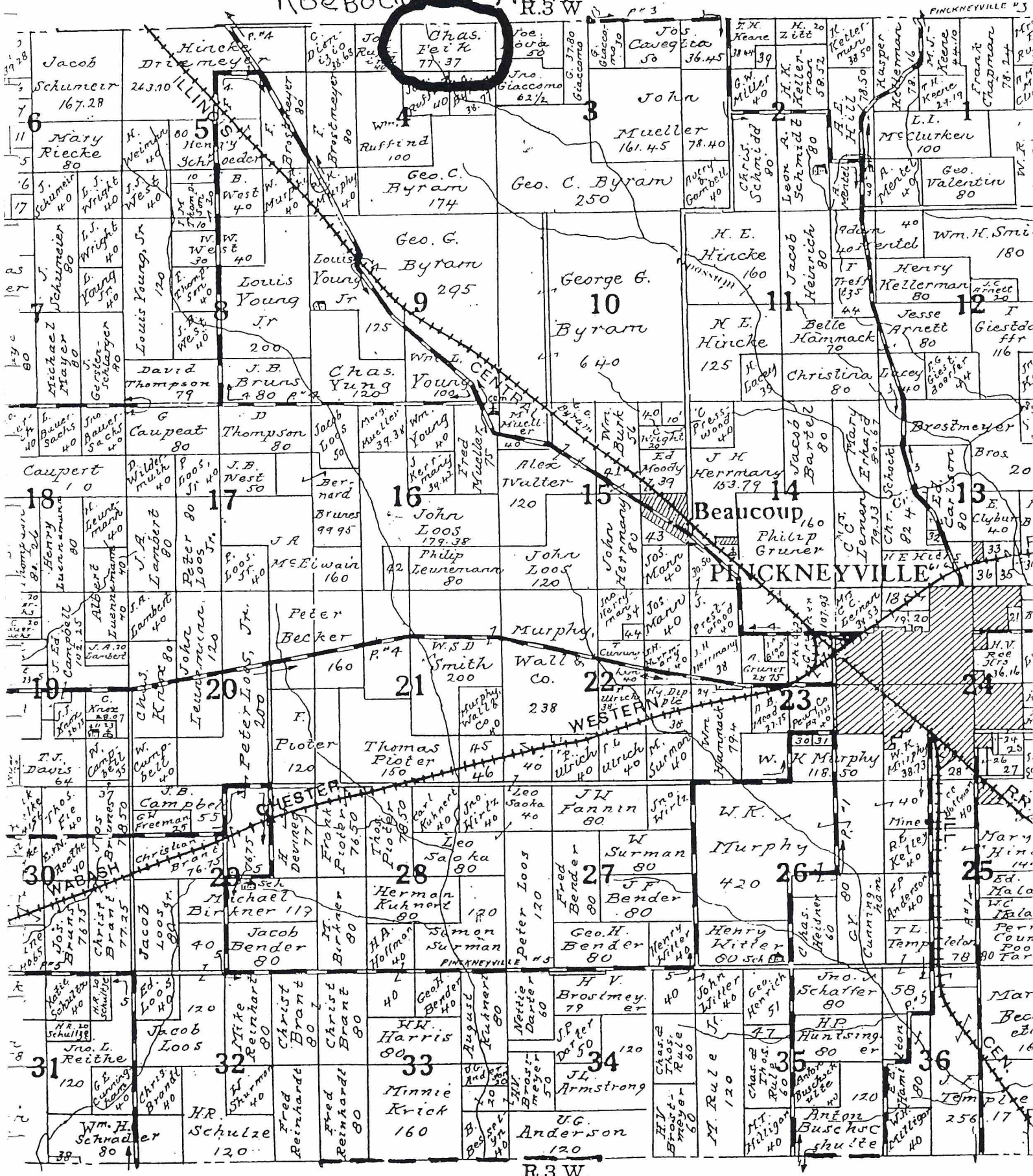
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ROEBUCK'S FARM



One day while in Pinckneyville, Martin Ferrero and "Dutch" ran into Roebuck. Roebuck had either bought or traded for a heating stove that had belonged to Johnnie Valentine, at the Farmer's store that was operated by Al Frazier at that time. The stove was big and heavy as part of it was cast iron. Martin at the time was driving a 1928 Coupe with a rumble seat. A rumble seat was an extra seat that was in back of the car and outside, exposed to the weather. Roebuck asked Martin if he would haul the stove home for him. Martin agreed, so they picked the huge stove up, but it was too big to fit in the rumble seat so they laid it across the hold of the rumble seat and Roebuck rode back there to hold it from falling off.

When they arrived at the lane to Roebuck's house which was too muddy for a car to travel, Martin asked Roebuck what they should do. Roebuck said if you and Dutch will help put it on my back I will pack it to my house. The bulk of the stove made it difficult to put on Roebuck's back, but they finally positioned it to where he could hold it and walk. Dutch said he looked like a grasshopper packing a bale of hay. It was right at 3/4 of a mile to Roebuck's house. The next time Martin saw Roebuck he asked how he had made it with the stove. Roebuck said it was no problem.

This completes my tribute to Roebuck. He is remembered with understanding and appreciation. I hope you have enjoyed reading this collection of memories as much as I have in recording them.

Pete Perona

A Tribute to a Wonderful Lady

Ruby Henderson became a part of my life in the year 1999 and 2000. I would not have put together the book "ROEBUCK" the life and times of Charlie Fein without the encouragement and help of Ruby.

She was the sole reason for me to start another book "Before I Forget", about my lifetime experiences. She had read the first 50 pages and insisted that I continue.

Ruby passed away Saturday, March 10, 2001.

A loss to all of Southern Illinois.

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